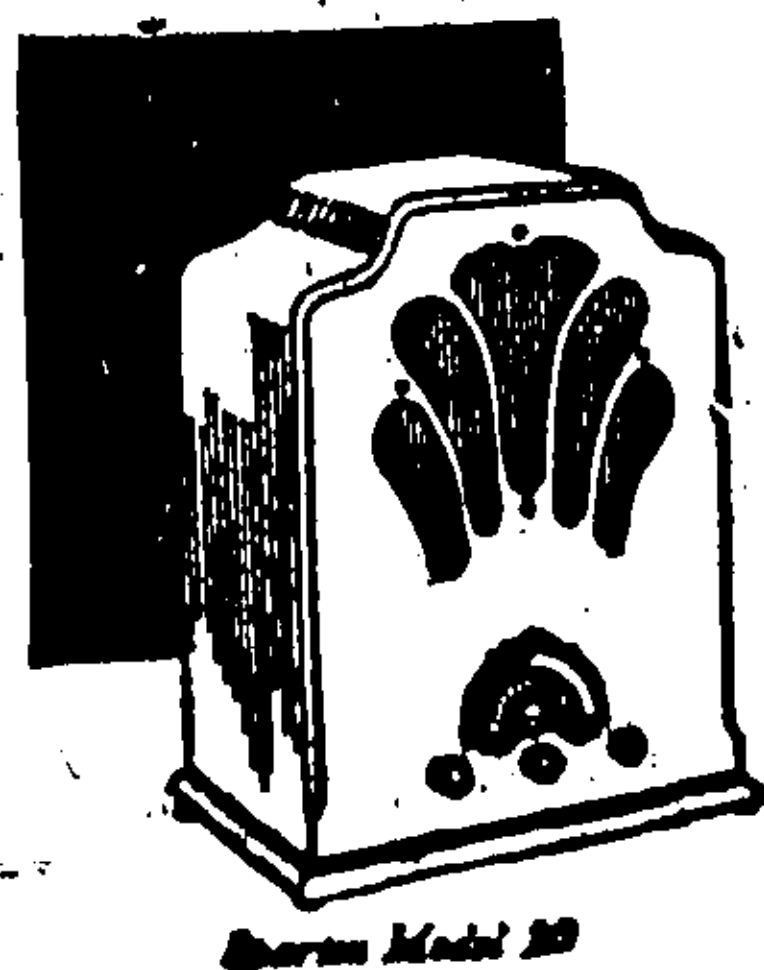




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H.M.'S GOVERNMENT'S REPLY

SETTLEMENT TREATY OF 1921 BINDING
IN LAW AND HONOUR.

(British Official Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Yesterday.

Correspondence relating to the Parliamentary Oath of Allegiance in the Irish Free State and to land purchase annuities, which was recently exchanged between Mr. De Valera (Head of the Irish Free State Government) and Mr. J. H. Thomas (Secretary for Dominions Affairs in the Government of the United Kingdom) was published in a White Paper this evening.

The Two Contentions.

The controversy arises through the contention of the Irish Free State Government, that the Oath is not mandatory in the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921, and that the Irish Free State has absolute right to modify its constitution in this respect, coupled with the announcement that the Irish Free State Government claims the right, which they propose to exercise, to retain land annuities accruing under the Irish Lands Acts of 1891-1909.

In opposition to these contentions, the Government of the United Kingdom maintain, that the Oath is an integral part of the Treaty made ten years ago between the two countries and hitherto honourably observed on both sides, and that the Irish Free State Government are bound by the most formal and explicit undertaking to continue to pay land annuities—payments which tenants of purchased estates make in repayment of sums lent to them to buy their land.

De Valera's Letter.

Mr. De Valera, in his letter dated April 5, expresses the view that, whether the Oath is or is not an integral part of the Treaty made ten years ago is not now the issue. The real issue is, that the Oath is now an intolerable burden, and that the people of the Irish Free State desire its instant removal. The agreements of 1921, he says, gave effect to what was the will of the British Government. Britain's world prestige had been enhanced by the belief that Ireland had been set free and her national aspirations fully satisfied, whereas it had meant for Ireland the "consummation of the outrage of partition." Examination of the Oath and the removal of the Articles of the Constitution he describes as a purely domestic concern required for the peace, order and good government of the State. The competence of the Irish Free State legislature to pass such a measure is, he maintains, not open to question, and his Government, immediately on the reassembly of Parliament, will introduce a bill to this effect.

Regarding Land Annuities, Mr. De Valera declares himself unaware of any formal undertaking to continue this payment, but gives the assurance that his Government scrupulously honour any just and lawful claims by Great Britain or any other creditors.

His note concludes with an expression of desire for friendly relations between Britain and the Irish Free State based on mutual respect and common interest.

U.K.'s Reply.

In his reply dated Saturday, April 9, the Dominions Secretary (Mr. J. H. Thomas) said that Government had read the letter with deep regret. The views expressed therein, says the reply, go far beyond the issues originally raised and make clear that the questions of the Oath and Land Annuities are but part of a wider issue and that what is raised is nothing less than a repudiation of the Settlement of 1921 as a whole.

"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom entered into the 1921 Settlement with the single desire that it should end a long period of bitterness between the two countries, and it is their belief that Settlement has brought a measure of peace and contentment which could not have been reached by any other means. Further, as a direct result of that Settlement, the Irish Free State has participated in and contributed to many notable constitutional developments of the last few years whereby the position of the Dominions, as equal members with the United Kingdom of the British Commonwealth of Nations under the Crown, has been defined and made clear to the world. It is true that the 1921 Settlement did not result in the establishment of a United Ireland, but the Treaty itself made necessary provision for the union of the two parts of Ireland, if both had then been ready to accept it. As to the future, the Government felt it sufficient to state that, in their opinion, there can be no conceivable hope for the establishment of a United Ireland, except on the basis that its allegiance to the Crown and its membership of the British Commonwealth will continue unimpaired."

Regarding the expressed determination to introduce a bill into the Irish Free State Parliament for removing the Oath from the Constitution, the reply reiterates the view of the Government of the United Kingdom, that the Oath is an integral part of the Treaty Settlement and adds—
"His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom have publicly indicated, on many occasions in a most formal and emphatic manner, that they stand absolutely by the Treaty Settlement and to this position they most firmly adhere."
Dealing with Land Annuities, the reply, in order to avoid any misunderstanding, places on record their origin and nature. It says—
"These are not payments from a Government to a Government. In principle the main transaction is not one between two Governments at all, but between an Irish tenant purchaser and the holder of land stock which is, of course, held both in Great Britain and in the Irish Free State. The position is that annuities are collected by the Irish Free State Government from tenant purchasers and are distributed through the National Debt Commissioners to holders of the stock. Irish land annuities are, therefore, in effect payments on the instalment system by an Irish tenant for land which he has bought which pass through the hands both of the Irish Free State Finance Ministry and of the National Debt Commissioners and are ultimately received by the holder of Irish Land Stock."

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MR. CHURCHILL ON IRELAND.

"Acts of Perfidy."

Mr. Winston Churchill returned to England on March 17, after his lecture tour in the United States. When he landed at Plymouth from the Majestic he expressed his views on politics generally. Speaking of the Irish situation, he said:

"I take a grave view of what I have seen of the declaration of the new Government. The land grants were part of the agreement. In 1926 the Irish asked for a modification. We agreed, and Mr. Cosgrave and his colleagues declared that they had been treated with the utmost generosity. To go back on that and repudiate those solemnly agreed obligations would be an act of perfidy."

"Still more would it be an act of bad faith to repudiate the Oath of Allegiance, which was the central point of the agreement."

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HAPPY VALLEY SHOOTING CASE.

George Fung's Tragic Death.

AN AMENDED CHARGE.

Mr. Wynne-Jones, Court at the Central Magistracy this morning, was crowded, when the case in which Cheng Kwok-yau, (20), described as of independent means, who is charged in connection with the shooting of George Fung at Village Road, Happy Valley, on the night of March 24, was called.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Public Prosecutor, appearing for the Crown, said it was the Crown's desire to bring the case on as soon as possible. He put in an amended charge, which alleged that Cheng Kwok-yau did counsel, procure, and command a certain person unknown to commit a felony, to-wit, to murder Fung.

Mr. G. K. Hall-Brutton, for the defence, said his instructions were to apply for bail.

His Worship observed that in view of the amended charge, he must refuse bail.

Accused was remanded for a week formally, in jail.

SWISS MUNITIONS FOR FAR EAST.

TO UNKNOWN POWER.

Four Hundred Heavy Machine-Guns.

PRIVATE MANUFACTURE.

Berne, Yesterday.

That the Federal Arms Factory in Berne has accepted a contract for the supply to an Eastern Power of four hundred heavy machine-guns was revealed to-day, when the Federal Council discussed Swiss armaments manufactures for foreign Powers.

It was pointed out that the Council was not empowered to prohibit the private manufacture of armaments.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT VICTORY.

For Chinese National Government.

Loyang, To-day.

The National Government scored an important victory yesterday when, after a lengthy and heated debate, the National Emergency Conference rejected the resolutions advocating the reorganisation of the Government and the Kuomintang. The Conference finally decided to support the present Government and to prepare for the convocation of a National Assembly to supervise the Government.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

WHEAT KING DIES IN CHICAGO.

An 1897 Memory.

Chicago, Yesterday.
Mr. Joseph Leiter, brother-in-law of the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, died of pneumonia to-day at the age of 63.
It will be recalled that, in 1897, he bought wheat to such an extent that he became the largest individual holder of wheat in the history of the grain trade.—Reuter's American Service.

HEROIC DEEDS

CHINESE LAUNCH CREWS

IN HANKOW AREA

WHILE UNDER FIRE OF
BANDITS.

London, Yesterday.

The heroism of Chinese launch crews, who deliver grain to the destitute in the flooded areas, often under fire from bands of brigands and Communists, is mentioned in a cable received by the Emergency Appeal Committee from Sir John Hope Simpson, who also reports that the Dean of Canterbury has been deeply impressed by the technical grip of the situation shown by the Chinese engineers in charge of repair work of the dykes in the Hankow area, much of which is infested by bandits and Communist armies.—Reuter.

EARTH TREMORS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

RAIN OF ASHES.

Uninterrupted Fall
for Ten Hours.

BUSINESS HAMPERED.

Santiago, Yesterday.

Volcanic eruptions and earthquake disturbances are continuing in Chile and the Argentine. They are affecting an area roughly four hundred by seven hundred miles.

The giant volcano Tinguirica and several minor peaks are active and an unceasing shower of ashes is falling in the surrounding country. Some places already are a yard deep in ashes, while darkness is seriously hampering business in the affected towns. Many trains have been held up to the west of Buenos Aires by heavy falls of ashes, while in Montevideo the shower has been uninterrupted for ten hours.—Reuter.

HITLER'S DECLARATION.

Presidential Election
A Farce.

UNFAIR RESTRICTIONS.

Munich, Yesterday.

"The Presidential election was a farce. If it had been run on democratic lines the result would undoubtedly have been different," Hitler told a Reuter correspondent this evening.

Hitler also declared that the British people had no idea of the quantity and variety of unfair restrictions with which the Government and Hindenburgs tried to muzzle the Nazi campaign. He said that they had been denied the use of wireless and that the Press had been muzzled. Meetings had been forbidden on frivolous grounds. He alleged that once his speech was banned merely because he criticised the Government. He emphatically denied that the Nazis intended to criticise anti-semitic persecution, declaring that Fascism stood for law and order, not anarchy.—Reuter.

A HITLER PLOT.

March on Berlin Planned.

Berlin, March 17.
If Herr Hitler had been elected President last Sunday his "private army" would have marched on Berlin.

This is the accusation which led to-day to police raids on all the Hitlerite local headquarters in Prussia and the homes of many of the leaders.

"Grandmother dear—Max," was the signal, it is stated officially, which was to be issued at Munich to set the Hitler force in motion. "Arming for civil war" is the official description of the Hitlerite preparations, and the Prussian Government declares that it can no longer be tolerated.

To-day's police raids mark the beginning of a great and perhaps decisive battle between the Prussian Government and Herr Hitler. It has long been no secret in inner circles here that Herr Severing, the Prussian Minister of the Interior, wished to dissolve Herr Hitler's force, and that his hand was held by Gen. Groener. Presumably he has taken to-day's action in agreement with the Government of the Reich, and, if the raids confirm his suspicions, will be allowed to strike the annihilating blow.

5,000 Vehicles in Advance.

The concentration round Berlin was to have been effected by means of 5,000 vehicles of the Hitlerite motor corps. Evidence is said to exist that the Hitlerite troops in Schleswig-Holstein had orders to supply themselves with provisions for some days, and were promised that they would be armed from the police arsenal.

An "alarm order" issued by the Hitlerite command in the Schneidemuhl district on the Polish frontier gives detailed instructions for the arming, feeding and transport of the "brown battalions."

"Playing with Fire."

The weapons of the defensive forces of the State were to be seized and brought to mobilisation centres for distribution among the Storm Sections. Communal officials and country gendarmes were to be taken into custody and telegraph and telephone officers to be seized. An official statement says:

"All these preparations had nothing to do with politics or with the civic education of adherents of the Nationalist-Socialist party. They are patent preparations and armings for civil war and cannot be covered by the pretext that they only hold good for Communist disturbances." They are a frivolous playing with fire which the Prussian Government can no longer tolerate.

The sworn assurances of the (Continued on Page 5.)

DUTCH BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENTS.

The Hague, Yesterday.
Scheurleer and Sons, one of the oldest private banking houses in Holland, has suspended payments and is requesting for a moratorium.

Deposits are declared to be safe. The news has created consternation, owing to the firm's widespread connections.—Reuter.

"REPRESENTATIVE OF ASSASSINS."

Italian Vice-Consul
Fells Spokesman.

BRAWL AT MURET.

Shots Fired Before Police
Arrive on Scene.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Toulouse, Yesterday.
The Italian Vice-Consul here had a hot reception when he visited Muret to inaugurate a course of lectures in the Italian language for Italian children. Catcalls and derisive whistling greeted him, while one of the demonstrators shouted, "You are a representative of assassins!" The angry Vice-Consul felled the speaker with his fist, and, in the ensuing brawl, there was a free exchange of sticks, bottles and revolvers. The Vice-Consul was hit on the head and a member of his party shot in the leg, whereupon the Vice-Consul fired his revolver and hit one of his opponents in the jaw. Gendarmes then came up and quelled the disturbance.

NORTH ATLANTIC FARES.

Cutting Out Wasteful
Competition.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday.
In view of the recent big reductions in North Atlantic fares, representatives of British, American, French and German steamship organisations are to confer in London with the object of cutting out wasteful competition.

One proposal that is to be submitted is to the effect that each company should lay up at least one of its large vessels, but such liners as the Aquitania, Majestic, Bremen and Ile de France will not be put out of commission.

APPEAL OF CHINA NAVIGATION CO. DISMISSED.

Payment of Guards
Against Pirates.

KING'S BENCH DECISION.

London, Yesterday.
The Court of Appeal has dismissed the appeal of the China Navigation Company against the King's Bench decision dismissing their action against the Attorney-General raising the question of the liability of shipowners to pay for guards against pirates.—Reuter.

ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"PALMY DAYS."

Now showing at the King's Theatre, is the silliest of silly pictures. It is surprising what scope it gives to Eddie Cantor to put over his particular brand of entertainment—ridiculous but funny. Supporting Eddie is a regiment of beautiful girls and they know how to make "Whoopie" with a big Whoop. Eddie sings a couple of nonsensical but catchy songs, one as a black face.

The picture has some spectacular scenes, but the word "Palmy" in the title of the picture has nothing to do with the waving palms that grow on trees. In fact, I don't quite know what "palmy" refers to, unless it has to do with the way Eddie palms off a wad of banknotes which a gang of crooks are after. As an efficiency man, Eddie has his own ideas and they are not bright, but he manages to get away with them. It is good entertainment.

—JAY.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

"THE MAN I KILLED."

The new trend in pictures, as recently described by B. P. Schulberg, managing director of Paramount's West Coast production, when he said that "dialogue should only be used to enhance the dramatic value of the story," is strikingly exemplified in "The Man I Killed," coming soon to the King's Theatre. Ernest Lubitsch's first dramatic talking production will reach the screen with far less dialogue than the other big pictures made since the advent of sound.

"Dialogue is important when it means something, yet only where it is vital to the story," says the director, who made several dramatic silent pictures, but whose talking productions to date have been confined to the lighter and more sophisticated—"The Smiling Lieutenant," "Monte Carlo" and "The Love Parade."

"Lionel Barrymore, Nancy Carroll, Phillips Holmes and the other characters, in 'The Man I Killed,' talk when it is logical that they should talk; they do not talk, however, where the story can better be developed in terms of action and use of the cameras." Page after page of the script of this after-the-war romance, laid in France and Germany, was bare of dialogue. It was more like the scenarios for silent pictures, following the down-to-earth formula which authorities such as Schulberg and Lubitsch say is the new trend in providing the kind of entertainment demanded by the public.

"BEAU IDEAL"

Thousands of adventurers take part in "Beau Ideal." A colourful army is Hollywood's "Foreign Legion." Its latest screen appearance is in Herbert Brenson's dramatic Foreign Legion sequel to "Beau Geste" for Radio Pictures, "Beau Ideal," which is coming to the Queen's Theatre to-morrow. It numbers 2,300, according to the Central Casting Bureau of Hollywood. Only about 1,300 of these were used in "Beau Ideal" with twice as many Arabs. Of the 1,300, 640 have been actual Foreign Legion soldiers in Africa or Indo-China.

All of them have been soldiers of fortune in many lands; practically all fought in the World War. A group of ten of the most colourful have served in five

armies per man! Some of them were Russian Czarists at the time of the Revolution. Others were South and Central American soldiers—usually mercenaries or "soldiers of fortune." Some have fought the Afghans near the Khyber Pass; others have patrolled the Russo-Chinese border and still others fought with or against the Boers in South Africa.

The picked group that assembled for "Beau Ideal" needed no training to make its members soldiers; it merely needed drilling to "snap up" discipline after the freedom of movie life. The discipline was supplied by Captain Louis Van Den Ecker, of the Foreign Legion, technical adviser on the picture, and a colourful, twice-decorated soldier of fortune.

Loretta Young, Irene Rich, Ralph Forbes, Lester Vail, Leni Stengel, Otto Matiesen, Don Alvarado, and other favourites appear in the cast of "Beau Ideal," which is an even more thrilling desert drama than its famous silent film predecessor, "Beau Geste."

"UNEXPECTED FATHER."

Slim Summerville and ZaSu Pitts. That is the star-spangled combination of laugh experts that Universal has placed together for the first time in "The Unexpected Father," the current attraction which will have its final showings at the Central Theatre to-day. It was popular demand that elevated the tall lanky Tjaden of "All Quiet On The Western Front," and the playful marine, who, virtually, every theatre-goer promptly recognizes, to feature picture stardom, and it, probably, was a happy thought to team him with the girl who has been called the screen's greatest comedienne, the wis-eyed Miss Pitts.

Slim plays the part of a gawky fellow of the rural districts who suddenly discovers enough oil in his back yard to transform him overnight from an overall man to a house full of servants and riches. ZaSu enters the scene as a nurse from the local dog hospital, who comes to the millionaire's house by mistake to take care of a sick puppy, but finds that Slim has just been adopted by a little waif of the streets who need both care and love. In this film, Cora Sue Collins, who boasts of four years of existence and a great deal of natural acting ability and beauty, it is reported. Dorothy Christy, the blonde willowy vamp of many a devastating screen affair, Claud Alistair, the popular English comedian, Alison Skipworth, Grace Hampton and Tyrell Davis are also prominent members among the cast.

Thornton Freeland the man who filmed "Whoopie" and "Alibi" directed "The Unexpected Father" and Max Lief and Robert Kief wrote the story.

"FLYING HIGH."

Charlotte Greenwood, tallest member of the cast of "Flying High," playing next Sunday at the Queen's Theatre, confesses that if she is funny it is because she has had to be so in self-defence. Philadelphians started laughing at her when she was thirteen years old at which period she was exactly as tall as she is to-day which is in the proximity of six feet. Miss Greenwood's extreme measurements could not stifle an ambition to go on the stage and a period of hard training in vaudeville won its reward when stage producers became aware of the

CANTON NOTES.

April 11.

Business Tax.

The mercantile community is pressing for a revision of the existing regulations of the Business Tax. Most trades appear to favour a tax calculated on the total volume of business transacted, instead of assessed on a firm's capital. The Finance Bureau is giving the matter its attention.

Director of Education.

Mr. Chu Kam-tong has resigned this office. He has been appointed Chief Secretary to the Provincial Reconstruction Bureau. It is possible that Mr. Luk Yau may be the new Education Director.

Exhibit House.

In two months it is hoped that the former Shing Wong temple will have been structurally altered to house exhibits of native goods.

General Chang Hui-chang.

Is about to go north in order to interview members of the Central Government about plans for the strengthening of the national aerial defences. General Chang is Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force.

General Chen Chi-tang.

General Chen, who is C-in-C. of the First Group Army, is expected back in Canton shortly. He has been away at Fong Shing in connection with the burial ceremonies of his father.

Hup Tak Bank.

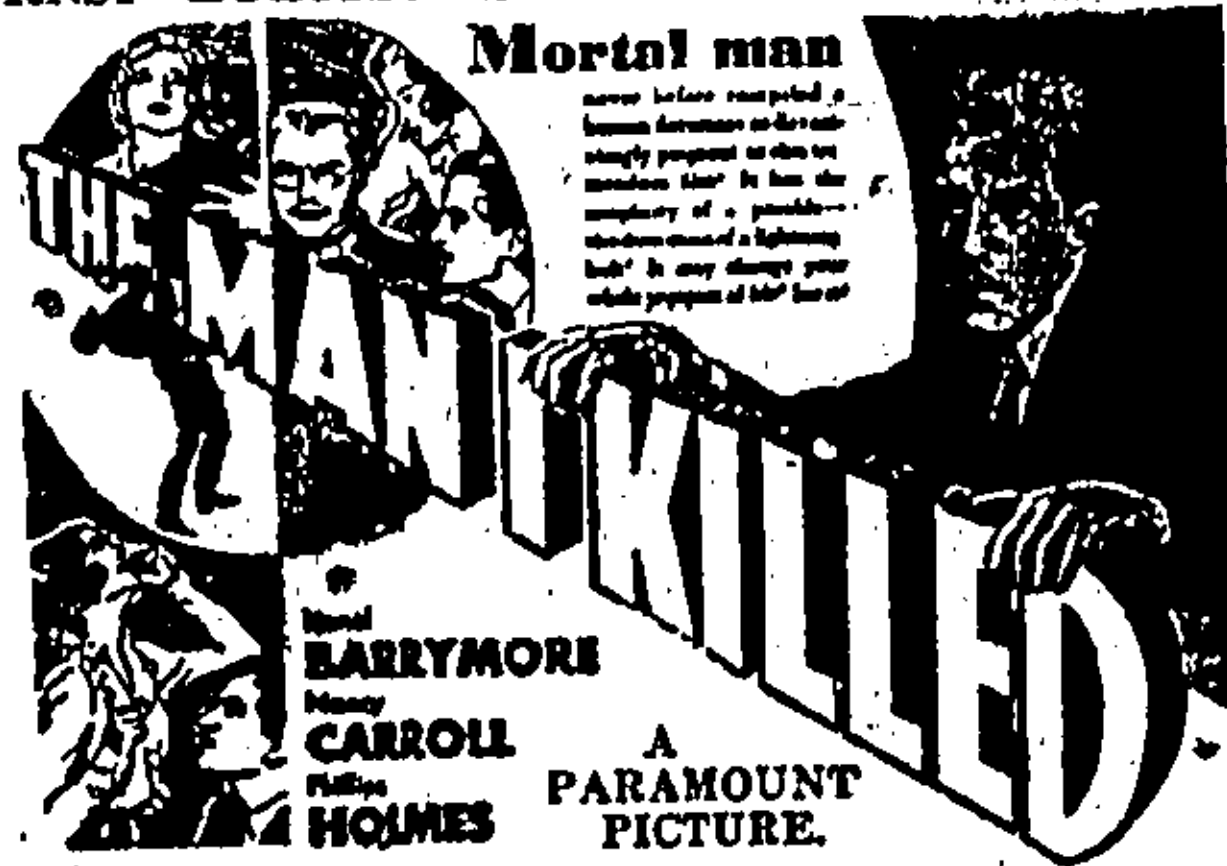
The Bureau of Finance has appointed the Canton Municipal Chamber of Commerce official liquidators for this bank which suspended business recently.

There are far too many people doing an increasing number of utterly pointless things and benefit of any standard of values.

Jazz is thrilling and inspiring, and I spend many hours listening to it in night clubs and over the wireless.—M. Maurice Ravel.

popularity of her eccentric, acrobatic dancing and she was featured in two "Passing Shows," "The Tik-Tok Man of Oz," "Pretty Mrs. Smith" and a series of Letty comedies, including "So Long Letty," "Linger Longer Letty," "Let Her Go Letty" and "Letty Pepper." Followed starring parts in "Le Maire's Affairs," "The Ritz Revue" and "She Couldn't Say No." In silent films Miss Greenwood was seen in "Jane" and "Baby Mine" and with the arrival of talkies she starred in a filmisation of "So Long Letty." Subsequent talking picture vehicles include "Parlour, Bedroom and Bath," "Stepping Out," and "The Man in Possession."

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S. ERNST LUBITSCH'S SMASHING PRODUCTION.



CHINA & THE LEAGUE COMMISSION.

The Correct Attitude.

Writing editorially on April 11 under the caption "Tampering With The Jury," the Canton Gazette says:—

At the risk of being charged with harping on the same subject and with prolixity we shall make a few pertinent remarks concerning the proper attitude we Chinese should have taken towards the League Commission of Inquiry and the proper procedure in dealing with that body of distinguished men with Lord Lytton at its head.

According to Press reports the Commission were dined and wined and generally lionized so that little work was done during the first ten days of their visit in Shanghai. Its chairman was called on for post-prandial speeches and . . . gave utterance to opinions which aroused protests from the Chinese press.

The cause back of all the trouble was the fact that we Chinese were too concerned, too eager and too anxious to present our case to the overseas investigators. We wanted them to see the whole situation from our viewpoint, forgetting that the members of the League Commission are here to gather facts and not to side with China or Japan. . . . The League Commissioners were here in a quasi-judicial capacity. . . . They are not expected to express their opinions or render decisions until they have finished their investigations.

Indeed, in several respects the Commission has the attributes of a jury and should be carefully treated as such. . . . The two Assessors, Messrs. Koo and Yochida, are the respective advocates or counsel of the litigant nations.

If our compatriots who had the honour of entertaining the Commission understood the foregoing point, they would have been more reserved and dignified in their attitude and would not have sought to bias its members in any way, much less to bribe them with an overabundance of solids and liquids, which was strongly hinted by the Chairman of the Commission, though we think that is an extremely unkind view of what was only intended as profuse Chinese hospitality.

As for the presentation of evidence—we can rest assured that the Commission will have more faith in the testimony of neutrals, especially the Consular Body in Shanghai, than in the most forceful and eloquent plea the Chinese can make. And what better evidence for China can be found than the ruins of Chapel, Kiangwan and Woosung and the destroyed colleges and refugee camps and hospitals?

We have to thank Lord Lytton's blunt speech for escaping from the charge of tampering with the jury.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "Palmy Days." To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Get-Rich-Quick Wallingford." To-day—Central Theatre: "The Unexpected Father." To-day—Majestic Theatre: "All Quiet On The Western Front." To-day—Star Theatre: "Lady's Moral." To-morrow—Schneider Trio Recital, Helena May Institute, 9.20 p.m.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (General Metzinger); Outward for America and Europe via Siberia (Pres. Hoover), 4.30 p.m. To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Gange); Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Patroclus), 10.30 a.m.; via Siberia (Lycaon), 2.30 p.m.

Meetings.

April 13—China Entertainment & Land Investment Co., Limited, extraordinary meeting, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, noon. April 14—Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, general meeting of importers, Chartered Bank Bldg., 4.15 p.m. April 19—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m. April 21—Wm. Powell, Ltd., 6, Des Voeux Road Central, 11.30 a.m.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.):—

5.20-8 p.m.—European Programme. 5.20-7 p.m. (approx.)—Relay of "Palmy Days" from the King's Theatre by courtesy of the Management. 7.03-8 p.m.—A Programme of Victor Records.

7.03-7.30 p.m.—Orchestral. Cleopatra (Macinelli, arr. Creator). Creator's Band (36045). Maytime—Medley Waltz (Young-Romberg). Love and Spring (Waldteufel). Nat. Shikret & the Victor Orchestra (36080). Manon—Fantasy (Massenet). Marek Weber & His Orchestra (36046).

7.30-8 p.m.—A Concert. Violoncello Solo—Intermezzo (Vivaldi). Serenata Napoletana (Sgambatti). Pablo Casals (1542).

Song—Twilight (Hamilton). My Little Nest of Heavenly Blue (Spaeth-Lehar). Maria Jeritza (Sopranos) (1234).

Piano Solo—Capriccio (Brahms). Album Leaf (Grieg). Harold Bauer (1413).

Song—Wanting You (Hammerstein-Romberg). Lover Come Back to Me (Hammerstein-Romberg). Lawrence Tibbett, Baritone (1506).

Violin Solo—Menuet (Bach-Winterhiltz). Gavotte (Beethoven). Fritz Kreisler (1189).

8 p.m.—Local Time. 8.03-11.30 p.m.—Relay from the Ho Shing Theatre.

11.30 p.m.—Close Down. All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by the Tsang Fook Piano Co.

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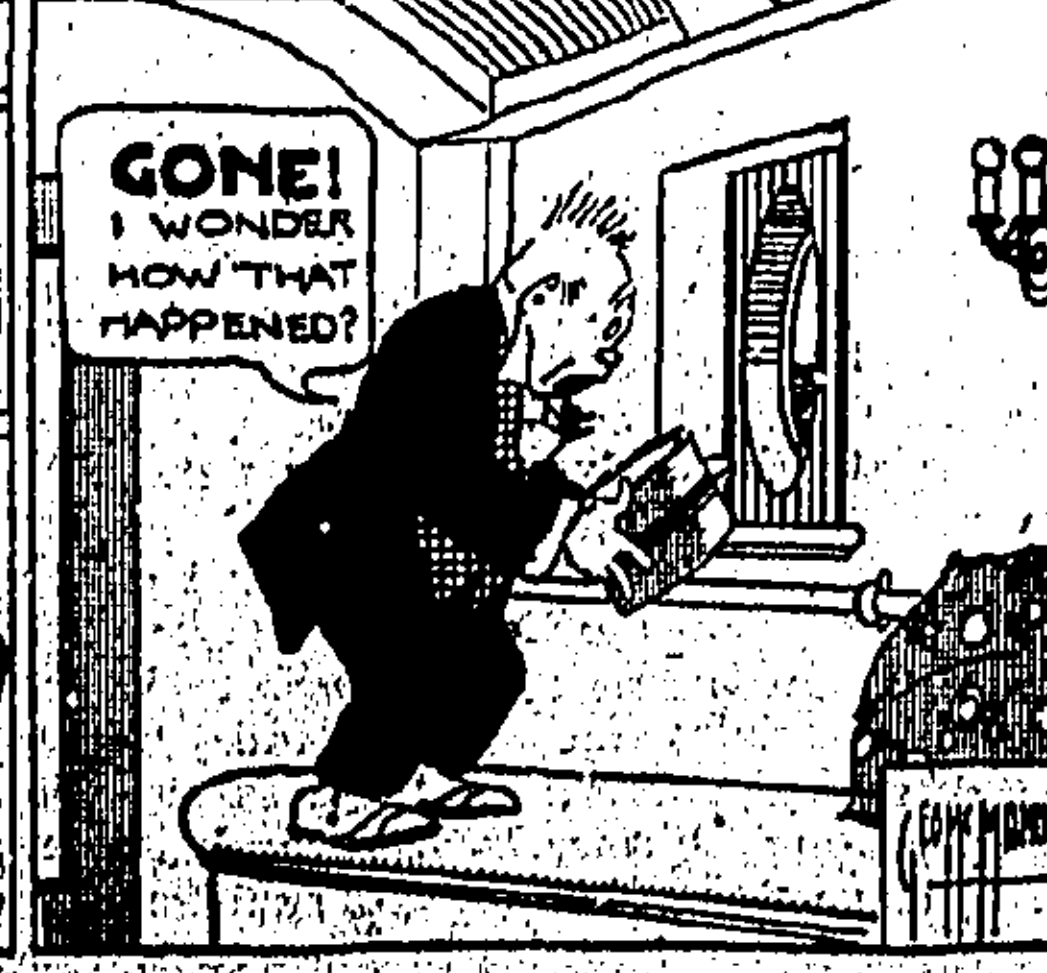
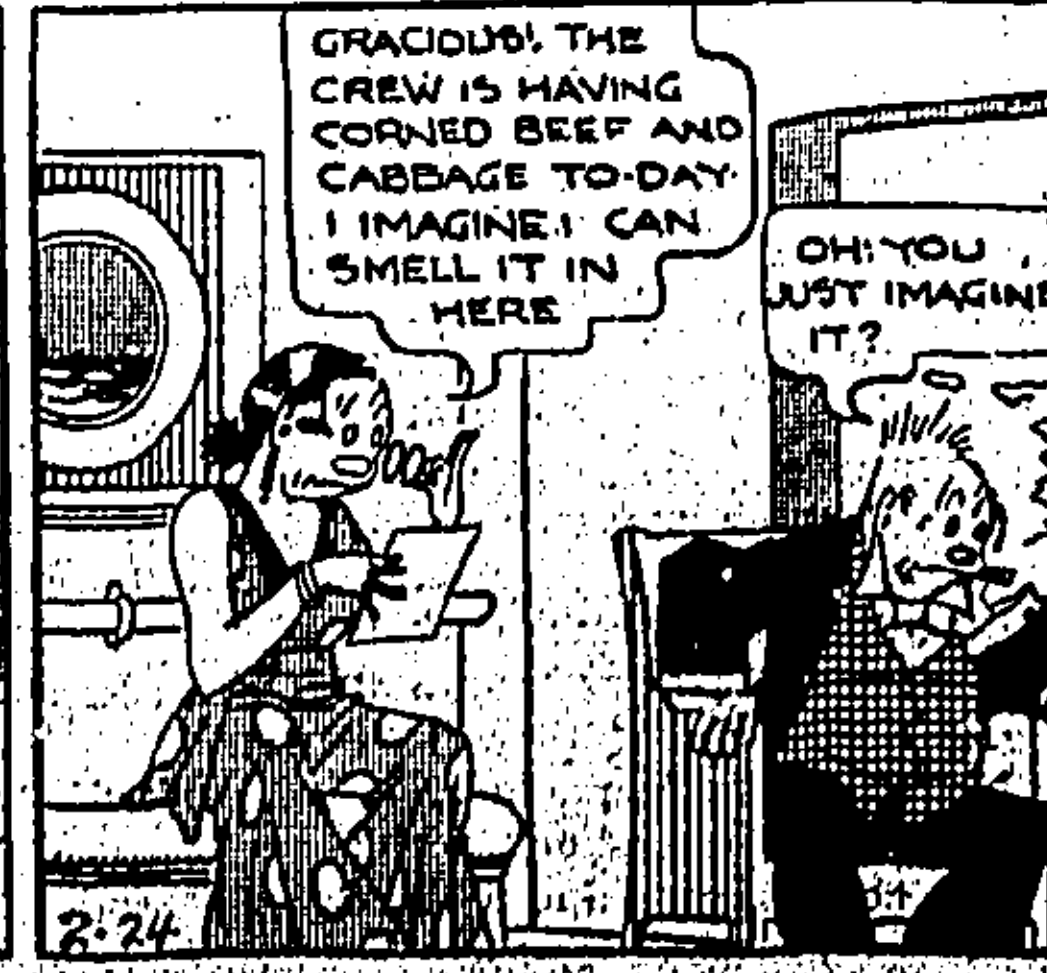
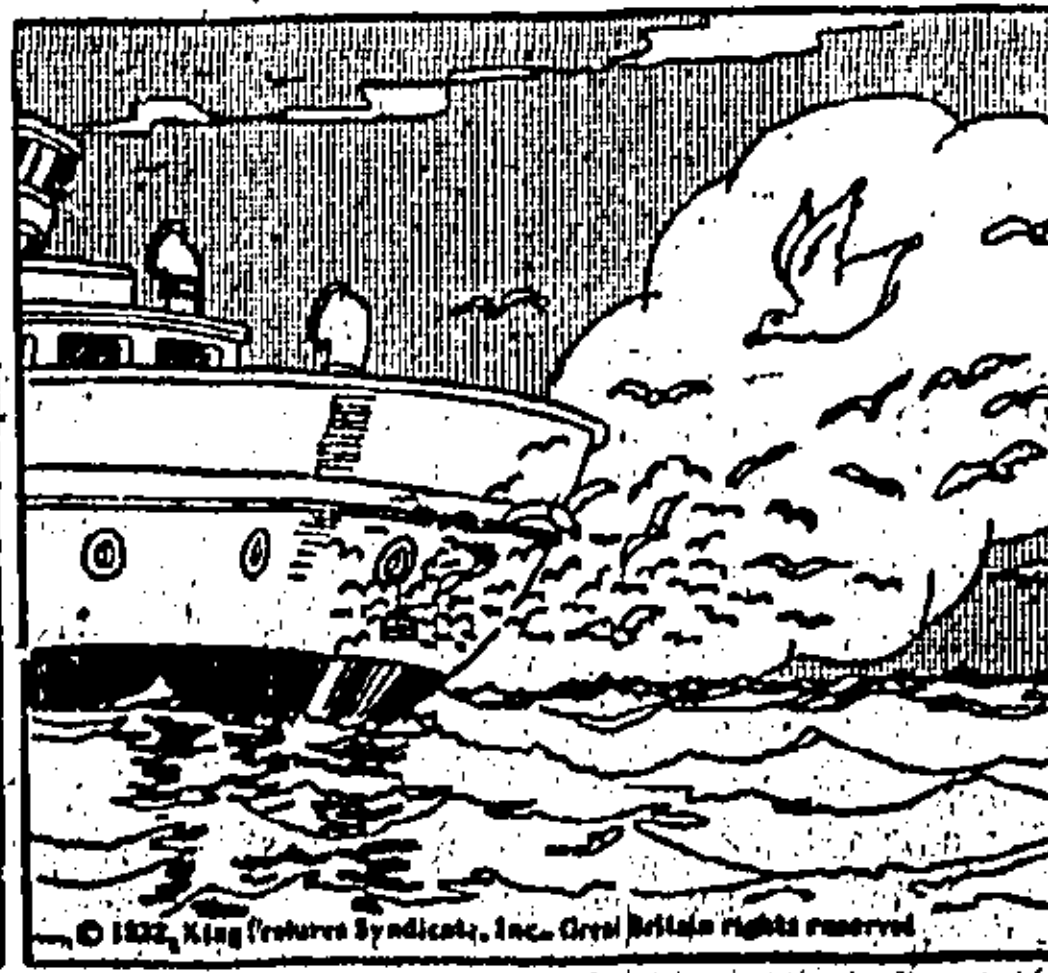
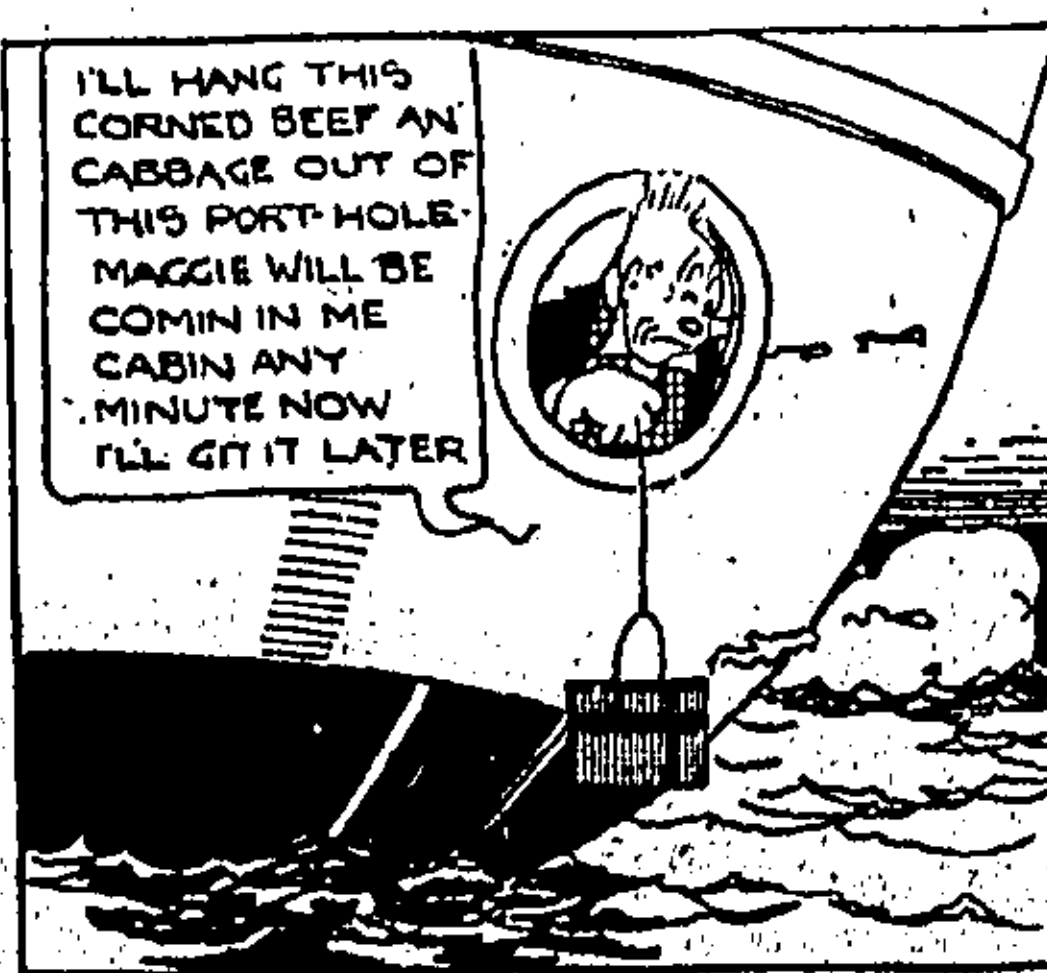
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WORTHY 1932 CHAMPION

(By Base Line.)

S. A. Rumjahn accomplished a brilliant and spectacular comeback yesterday when he defeated E. C. Fincher in a most convincing manner by scores of 6-2, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4. The only previous occasion on which he won the title was in 1927 when he defeated Ng Sze-kwong, who was also attempting a comeback. He figured in the final round during 1928 and 1929 eventually losing to T. Honda and M. W. Lo.

On yesterday's display it can be taken for granted that S. A. Rumjahn is the best singles player in the Colony without the shadow of a doubt. His agility coupled with his uncanny anticipation is sufficient to break up the game of T. Honda, the only other star whom he did not meet in his triumphant path to the championship. Congratulations Rumjahn, you certainly deserve your success.

FINCHER OBEYS DICTATES.

For the third year in succession which even the versatile Rumjahn could not retrieve. One phase of the Open Singles Championship, that of shortening his length with only to meet an opponent too good for him. Only once before had he met "S. A." in the third round of the 1928 Tournament, his first year of entry, and he then lost

who was in form overhead, it was a suicidal policy, as his lobs more often as not lacked depth. That Fourth Game.



S. A. Rumjahn, Open Singles Champion, 1932.



E. C. Fincher, runner-up, 1932 Championship.

after five sets. This year he was unfortunate to meet Rumjahn at the height of his form, and was forced to obey the dictates of a player who was exerting all within his power to accomplish a comeback, and who was also endeavouring to prove that he should have gained recognition as a singles player in the recent Interport encounter against Canton.

Overhead Contrasts. It was a grand match in which Rumjahn effected some magnificent lobbing returns when he looked like being swept off the court. His perfect lobbing was probably the deciding factor in the game. It badly worried Fincher and consequently won him many points. Fincher would get him on the run and then send down a beautiful cross court shot, only to see Rumjahn make a miraculous return with a lob that landed two or three inches from the base line. It must have been heart-rending for the Kowloon player, as he showed little confidence overhead. Contrary to expectations Rumjahn showed amazing confidence overhead and effected one or two brilliant smashes in a most masterly manner. His advances to the net were well-judged and, though he was not as impressive as usual in his volleying, they won him many valuable points. Fincher seemed to be upset by his opponent's tactics and did not in any way appreciate those advances to the net.

Poor Tactics. Fincher's back hand strokes, usually his steadiest, were subjected to the most merciless attacks throughout the game, and he cracked up badly in the most surprising manner. His forehand drive was seldom allowed sufficient scope to prove deadly though he brought off several beautiful shots.

Poor Visibility. There is one point to which I should like to draw attention and that was the smoke which swept over the court during the match. Visibility was not too good on account of the poor weather conditions without the additional handicap of a stream of smoke which came from one of the chimneys in the Hong Kong Cricket Club pavilion. No efforts were made to alleviate the poor conditions which faced the contestants, and I think that both showed what true sportsmen they were by offering no word

C. B. A. PLAY SHORT BUT MANAGE TO WIN

Club Seconds Lose at King's Park.

POOR LIGHT PROVES HANDICAP.

In a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday afternoon, the C.B.A., who fielded only ten men, being without a goalkeeper, defeated the Hong Kong Hockey Club second eleven by four goals to two.

The game was played at a fast pace, but bad light prevented good hockey, and it was found necessary to use a clean ball practically every fifteen minutes.

In the first half, T. Whitley (2) and Johnson netted for the C.B.A., Kilbee scoring one for the Club. Kilbee scored the Club's second goal in the second period of the game, but toward the end, Hirst, who was in good form on the right, put the issue beyond doubt for the C.B.A.

H.K. Club Eleven.

In a friendly match this afternoon on the U.S.R.C. ground at 5.15 p.m. the Hong Kong Hockey Club will be represented by the following players against the South Wales Borderers: C. L. Gregory, W. Woodward, E. V. Reed, W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand, D. McLellan, D. B. Evans, G. E. Divett, C. C. Francis, J. E. Potter and J. L. Tetley.

Radio Sports Team.

The following have been selected to represent the Radio Sports Club against the German Club at Caroline Hill ground, to-day at 5.10 p.m.:

Jaggreet Singh; Parduman Singh, J. S. Grewal; M. H. Hassan, G. Jack, Mohinder Singh; Attar Singh, Surjin Singh, Gurbachan Singh, Kalwant Singh and F. A. Kemp.

Referee—J. T. K. Giehrst.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Mustard & Co. Win the Hong Foursomes.

In the final of the Hong Foursomes played over the Kowloon course on Sunday, Mustard & Co. (Messrs. Macknight and Cave) defeated the Godown Co. (Messrs. Eastman and Groves) by 4 and 3.

TENNIS PROGRAMME.

TO-DAY.

Open Doubles Final.
E. C. Fincher and L. Goldman v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court, 4.30 p.m.)

Handicap Doubles.
Lecky and Waite v. Ride and Harkins.

Finals of the Handicap Mixed Doubles and Handicap Singles "B".

TO-MORROW.

Handicap Doubles.
Lampard and Clarke v. D. S. and S. E. Green or Roger and Rodger.

Sewell and Wright v. Lecky and Waite or Ride and Harkins.

THURSDAY.

Final of the Handicap Doubles.

of complaint, though it must have tended to handicap their play more than they might have cared to admit.

Full results of yesterday's play in the Lawn Tennis Championships were as follow:—

OPEN SINGLES FINAL.

S. A. RUMJAHN BEAT E. C. FINCHER, 6-2, 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.
Handicap Singles "A".

(Final).
S. E. Green beat H. F. Foley 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap Singles "B".
(Semi-final).

J. V. Jensen beat N. Lampard 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.
(Semi-final).

Col. and Mrs. J. G. Lecky beat Grimble and Miss R. Hancock 6-2, 6-3.



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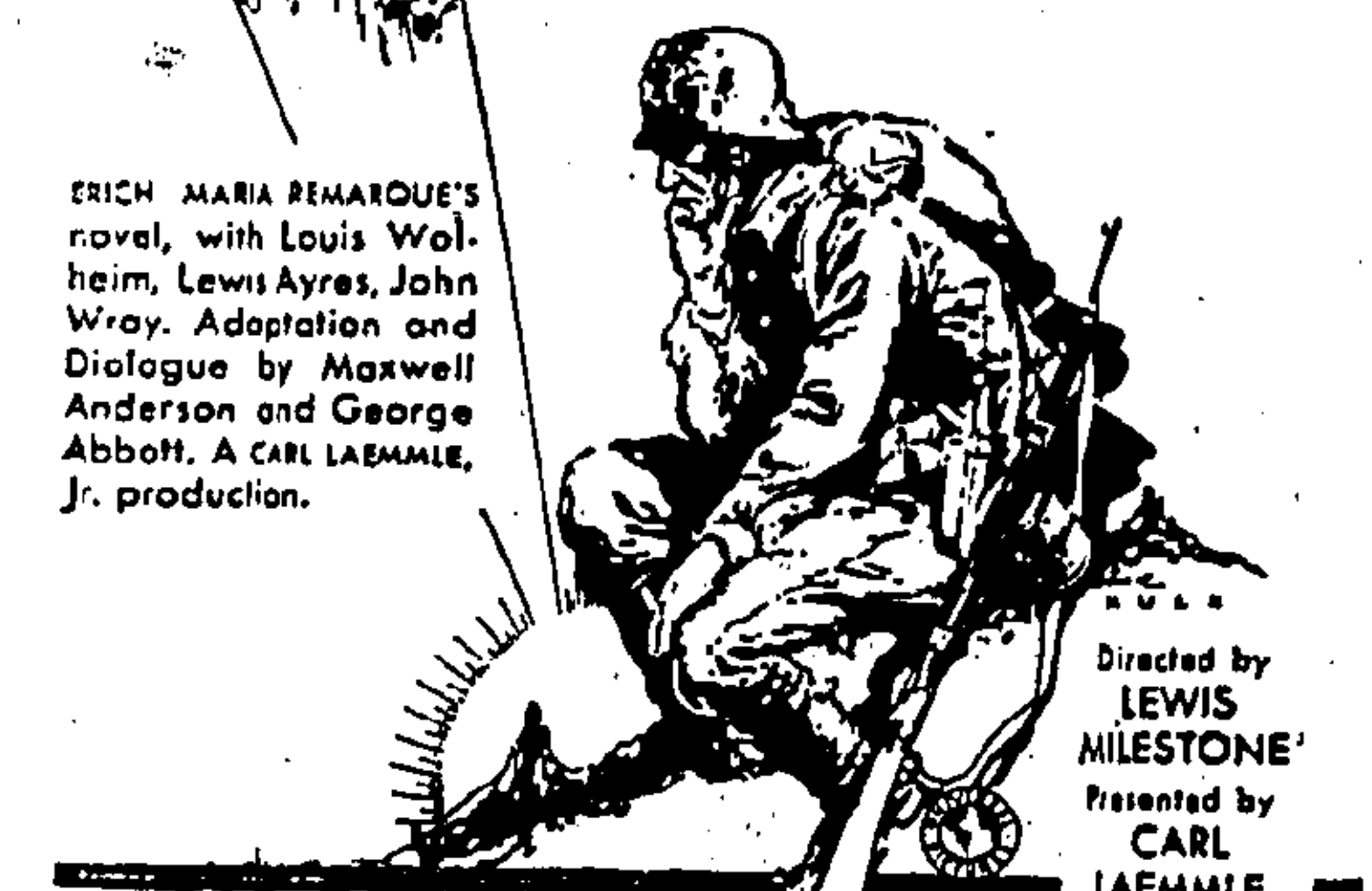
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Race Programmes

Two Extra Meetings

Programmes for the Fourth and Fifth Extra Race Meetings which will be held on April 23 and 30 respectively have been issued by the Hong Kong Jockey Club and they are printed in full as follows:—

1.—1.45 p.m.—Gosford Handicap.
— Winner \$500. Second \$300.
Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "D" Class. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.
2.—2.15 p.m.—Morrison Hill Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "A" Class. Entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.
3.—2.45 p.m.—Boa Vista Handicap: First Division.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
Note.—Only one entry to be made for Races 3 and 4. Entries will be divided into two Divisions determined by lot drawn by the Stewards.

4.—3.15 p.m.—Boa Vista Handicap: Second Division.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
5.—3.45 p.m.—Morrison Hill Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.
6.—4.15 p.m.—St. George's Plate.—A Cup presented with \$750 added. Second \$300. Third \$200. A Handicap for China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

7.—4.45 p.m.—Kellert Handicap: First Division.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
Note.—Only one entry to be made for Races 7 and 8. Entries will be divided into two Divisions determined by lot drawn by the Stewards.
8.—5.15 p.m.—Kellert Handicap: Second Division.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

9.—5.45 p.m.—Gosford Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, "A" Class. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

10.—6.15 p.m.—April Stakes.—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. Winners barred. Weight 145 lb. 2 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. Jockeys, 2 lb. penalty for each race won: maximum penalty 10 lb. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Penalties accumulative. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In about One Mile 171 Yards).

Entries for this meeting close at Noon on Thursday April 14, 1932.
Fifth Extra Meeting.
1.—1.45 p.m.—Mount Parker Handicap.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "A" Class. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.
2.—2.15 p.m.—Mount Davies Stakes.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Griffins of this Season. Winners barred. Weight 145 lb. 2 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. Jockeys, 2 lb. penalty for each race won: maximum penalty 10 lb. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Penalties accumulative. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
3.—2.45 p.m.—Tai-Mo-Shan Handicap: First Division.—Winner

Our Sports Diary.

TO-DAY.

TENNIS—Open Doubles Final. Presentation of Prizes.

TO-MORROW.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Club v. Borderers at U.S.R.C. at 5.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL—H.K.F.A. Council Meeting.

FRIDAY.

HOCKEY—Hong Kong Club "A" v. Y.M.C.A. at King's Park at 5.30 p.m.

SATURDAY.

CRICKET—Hong Kong C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. at H.K.C.C. at 2 p.m.

ATHLETICS—St. Joseph's College Sports at Caroline Hill at 1 p.m.; Royal Artillery Sports on Navy ground, King's Park.

4.15 p.m.—Tai-Mo-Shan Handicap: Second Division.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Note.—Only one entry to be made for Races 3 and 4. Entries will be divided into two Divisions determined by lot drawn by the Stewards.

4.—3.15 p.m.—Tai-Mo-Shan Handicap: Second Division.—Winner \$450. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

5.—3.45 p.m.—Charters Towers Handicap.—Winner \$500. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes since January 1, 1932, barred. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).

6.—4.15 p.m.—Third Aggregate Stakes.—Value \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of \$5,000 or more in stakes anywhere since January 1, 1932, 5 lb. penalty; of \$4,000 to 4,999, 5 lb. allowance; of \$3,000 to 3,999, 7 lb. allowance; of less than \$3,000, 10 lb. allowance. The Stakes will be run for six times, or as decided by the Stewards. At the end of the Season, an additional sum of \$2,000 will be divided between the ponies scoring most marks in the races for the Stakes during the Season in the proportion of first 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., and third 10 per cent. of the added money, so far as is consistent with ties. Marks to count 4 for a win, 2 for a second and 1 for a third in each race. The benefit of marks already scored to pass with a pony on a sale. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

7.—4.45 p.m.—Mount Parker Handicap.—Winner \$600. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, "C" Class. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

8.—5.15 p.m.—The Hunchbacks Plate.—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. Winners barred. Weight 145 lb. 2 lb. penalty for every \$200 or part thereof won in stakes. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.

9.—5.45 p.m.—Mount Gough Handicap.—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "E" Class. Entrance \$5. Seven Furlongs.

10.—6.15 p.m.—High West Handicap.—Winner \$550. Second \$275. Third \$175. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Entrance \$5. From the Two Mile Post Once Round and In (about One Mile 171 Yards).

Entries for this meeting close at Noon on Monday, April 25, 1932.

HITLER'S DECLARATION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

legality of the National-Socialist organisation can be respected by the Prussian administrative authorities only if the practices of the National-Socialist party are in harmony with the oaths of its leaders.

"In any case the Prussian Government is not disposed to watch with folded arms the equipment of an army which not only is a mockery of the authority of the State, but also must be a permanent source of disquiet." The police raids in Berlin alone numbered over sixty.

Hitler Replies "Absurd." Herr Hitler has issued a long

statement in answer to the Prussian Government's charges. In substance he declares them to be absurd. In all previous elections, he says, the Hitlerites collected their members at headquarters for the purposes of the contest.

This was all the more necessary on Sunday last because in the previous few weeks forty Hitlerites had been killed by members of the Reichswehr and Communists, together with thousands wounded. The Ministry of the Interior for the Reich, the statement adds, was informed a week in advance of the measures it was proposed to take.

An emergency decree issued this evening orders a political truce from March 20 to April 8.

STUBBS ROAD MOTOR SMASH-SEQUEL.

A Dangerous Corner.

Arising out of a motor smash in Stubbs Road, near the Peak Church, on Sunday morning (April 3), Mr. L. G. Meunier, of Peak Mansions, was summoned before Mr. Schofield in the Central Police Court this morning on two counts: the first accusing him of failing to drive on the left hand side of the road, and the second for negligent driving.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the defence, and entered a plea of guilty on the first count, and a denial on the second.

Addressing the Bench in mitigation of the offence, Mr. Brooks said that the accident actually occurred near the Peak Church, where there is a big bend in Stubbs Road. Defendant was driving a two-seater roadster in company with Capt. and Mrs. A. R. Smeathers, all three being seated in front. The other car involved in the smash, was owned by Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, the veteran inter-war cricketer, and was being driven by the chauffeur only.

Mr. Brooks explained that at night the only indication of an approaching car was the headlights, and on this particular night, defendant's car was going up, and there was another car in front of him. Mr. Hancock's chauffeur, in order to pass the front vehicle, dimmed his lights. He was quite right in doing so. But this resulted in defendant having no indication of the approaching car round the bend.

Mr. Brooks pointed out that the white lines in the centre of the road, were not very clear and had not been painted recently, with the result that his client drove his car over to the right hand side of the thoroughfare. The car, which defendant was driving, was of American manufacture and was rather high off the road, and in taking corners it was advisable to keep to the centre of the road. Another point was that after passing the car, Mr. Hancock's chauffeur switched on his lights, thus blinding the defendant, and adding to his difficulties.

Mr. Brooks, in concluding, remarked that defendant had driven in France and India for a period of nearly fifteen years, and had been in the Colony for only a month. He had never had any complaint made against him.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for Mr. Hancock's chauffeur, and said he understood there were no allegations made against him, arising out of the accident.

Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods, replying to his Worship, said that the corner was a dangerous one. The car was four and a half feet over the white line.

Mr. Brooks said there was dispute over that point, as he was instructed to say that the car was only a foot and a half over the white line. His Worship adjourned the summons to Saturday morning, when he will hear evidence in regard to the second charge.

ANGLO-IRISH CONTROVERSY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

trial point around which all the discussions of the Irish Treaty focussed. It is impossible that England should ever lend the slightest countenance to such violation of a solemn agreement between the British and Irish peoples.

"We stand absolutely on the Treaty. If Mr. De Valera and his Government repudiate the Treaty they repudiate the title deeds of the Irish Free State, which becomes an anomalous body, without a status at all, either in or out of the Empire."

MR. DE VALERA AND THE WAY TO PEACE.

Relations With Britain.

Dublin, March 17. In a St. Patrick's Day speech on the wireless to-night Mr. De Valera appealed for the support of all Irishmen abroad in his forthcoming task. His address was relayed to America. He said:

"The aims of the new Government are simple, and we desire to pursue them without ill-feeling towards any Irishman, without injury to any nation."

"I believe that the people of Great Britain wish to be on peaceful and friendly relations with us, just as we do with them. And I believe that they desire that no obstacles

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When is a ship not a ship?

This question is vexing the minds of Britain's floating population just now. Ask anyone living in that queer floating little town of moored yachts in Southwick Canal, three miles west of Brighton, and you will be told that a ship is always a ship.

But the rating department has another answer to the riddle. It claims that a ship is a bungalow when it never goes to sea, has a telephone and houses a family.

And bungalows must pay rates.

Already Southend has made its ruling. Now Sussex is to follow.

The trim, white yachts lie moored in the crowded canal, separated from the sea by a narrow wall of grass.

Many of these delightful floating homes are converted submarine chasers.

So Jolly.

Once they fogged through the waters of the Channel. Now the strains of Henry Hall's bands is the only sound that comes from their holds. And those holds are just jolly little sitting-rooms, cabins, nurseries, kitchens, writes a Special Correspondent of the Evening Standard.

In one bungalow-ship, or ship-bungalow, I talked with the owner, or should one say skipper? He told me that he had lived afloat for seven years, Summer and Winter.

"When I get tired of one place I crank up and hump down the coast to another. And I do that when they put the harbour dues up. Generally at night."

It is as easy to get to London from a home afloat as from a villa or country cottage in the Home Counties. And a good many of these permanent harbour dwellers are City men who come to town every morning.

should be allowed to stand which would hinder the establishment of such relations.

"The will of our own people must prevail in all matters concerning their sovereign rights, and as our people do not desire in any way to impose burdens or tests on the people of Great Britain, they justly feel that no burdens or tests should be imposed on them."

"Friendship between neighbouring countries is largely dependent on the degree to which they respect each other's freedom, and it is hardly to be supposed that a different principle can operate between ourselves and Great Britain."

Referring to the economic crisis, Mr. De Valera said: "I urge upon our people abroad to give a preference to Irish over foreign produce. I have read with admiration the appeals made by certain European statesmen for special sacrifice and hard work among their people, and I have watched with even greater admiration the ready response given by whole peoples, vastly greater than the population of this island. I have the utmost confidence that my appeal will meet with a response no less ready."

"DROWNED" MAN RETURNS.

Missing For More Than A Year.

Mr. Noel Austin Harvey, the young Mitcham (Surrey) builder who vanished under strange circumstances on November 16, 1930, has returned to his relatives.

Mr. Harvey was 24 when he disappeared. His motor-car was found abandoned on the seashore at Hove, Sussex.

Next morning his clothes were found on the beach near Hove coastguard station.

Mr. Harvey was an enthusiastic bather, and it was believed that he had been attacked with cramp and drowned.

Doubt was cast on the theory that he had been drowned when, in spite of heavy seas, the body was not washed up. The police accordingly issued an appeal for news of him. They suggested in their appeal that Mr. Harvey had been taken suddenly ill and was wandering, suffering from loss of memory.

Another man who entertained me on his converted motor-launch—a trim home with electric lighting plant, cottage piano and library—told me he did all his Stock Exchange business from the saloon office.

A Home for £100.

The advantages of life afloat are many; the disadvantages few.

Until now these people have escaped the burden of local and county rates. They have possessed, and that for a mere £100 or so, what is tantamount to a freehold home, and a mobile one at that.

True, those families who have young children have to watch them pretty closely. One man told me that he taught his small girl to swim as soon as she could walk. "Now, if she falls overboard, which she does sometimes, she just swims up the rope."

In Southampton Water you may find rows upon rows of apparently derelict naval motor launches. How much? With luck and a weather eye to the worm, you may pick up a good boat for a matter of £25. Now age about doubles the purchase price if she is to go sixty miles or more. But after that the cost of conversion is considerable.

In Shoreham harbour I met a carpenter who had carried out his conversion in his spare time. He now lives happily on the River Adur with a fine view across the flats.

He paid, so he told me, £35 for his boat and spent another \$50 on the conversion. But against this outlay he had a credit to show for the sale of the tanks, ports, engine junk and other fittings.

There are similar floating colonies at Portsmouth, Southampton, in the Thames Estuary and up the rivers of the Essex coast.

WATER RETURN.

The level and storage of water in the reservoirs on April 1, 1932, were as under:—

City and Hill District.

	1931	1932
Tytam	291'1" B	27'7" B
Tytam Bywash	28'1" B	25'8" B
Tytam Intermediate	35'0" B	37'3" B
Tytam Tuk	42'0" B	38'1" B
Wong Nei Chung	27'10" B	24'1" B
Pokfulum	22'7" B	24'3" B
Aberdeen Upper	—	41'1" B
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; L. denotes "Level with Overflow."]
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1931	1932
Tytam	193.20	189.20
Tytam Bywash	68	46
Tytam Intermediate	52.70	47.10
Tytam Tuk	581.50	627.33
Wong Nei Chung	5.67	6.69
Pokfulum	19.95	16.65
Aberdeen Upper	—	34.90
Aberdeen Lower	—	—

Total 854.40 822.33
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	257.13	248.64
Estimated population	451,480	362,500
Consumption per head per day	18.4	21.0

* Includes 27.15 million gallons from Mainland.
March, 1931.—From March 1 to 31, 1931, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts.

March, 1932.—From March 1 to 31, 1932, a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rider Main Districts.

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	23'8" B	25'1" B
Kowloon Bywash	—	40'2" B
Shik Lai Pui	—	—
Reservoir	6'0" E	11'4" B
Shing Mun Reception	13'9" B	11'2" B
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	—	—

	1931	1932
Kowloon Main	151.80	137.23
Kowloon Bywash	13.10	40.65
Shik Lai Pui	—	—
Reservoir	93.00	74.48
Shing Mun Reception	2.27	7.24

Total 260.17 259.60
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of March, 1932.

	1931	1932
Consumption	130.54	153.60
Estimated population	179,560	297,450
Consumption per head per day	25.1	16.9

Constant supply in all Districts during March, 1931 and 1932.
The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall recorded by Royal Observatory from January 1 to March 31, 1932, 4.05; from January 1 to March 31, 1932, 4.765.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.
Shanghai and Amoy Tsinan
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.
Shanghai and Swatow Szechuen
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London, March 24) Gange
THURSDAY, APRIL 14.
Japan and Shanghai Yasukuni Maru
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., March 26) Empress of Russia
FRIDAY, APRIL 15.
Calcutta and Straits Kut Sang
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only, London, March 17) Hong Hwa
SATURDAY, APRIL 16.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only, London, March 17) Fushimi Maru
Japan and Shanghai Asama Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 18) President Hayes
SUNDAY, APRIL 17.
Japan Ginyo Maru
Japan and Shanghai Heian Maru
MONDAY, APRIL 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, March 25) President Jackson
Australia and Manila Kitano Maru
FRIDAY, APRIL 22.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, April 2) President Taft

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco President Hoover
(Due San Francisco, May 3 and Europe via Siberia.)
Parcels Apr. 12, 3 p.m.
Registration 3.45 p.m.
Letters 4.30 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow Sanning 4 p.m.
Saigon Halvard 4 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy Cremer 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13.
Swatow Chak Sang 8.30 a.m.
Straits & Europe via Marseilles Patroclus
(Due Marseilles, May 12.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.
Registration Apr. 13, 9 a.m. Registration Apr. 13, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Lycan 2.30 p.m.
Amoy Kwangtung 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Brindisi Gange
(Due Brindisi, May 5.)

K.P.O. G.P.O.
Registration Apr. 13, 3 p.m. Registration Apr. 13, 3.45 p.m.
Letters 4 p.m. Letters 4.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 14.
Amoy Tisadane 1.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok Kwei Yang 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangea 3 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta Talamba
Parcels Apr. 14, 4 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
Empress of Russia 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles Yasukuni Maru
(Due Marseilles, May 11.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.
Registration Apr. 15, 10 a.m. Registration Apr. 15, 12.45 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.
Amoy Tainan 1 p.m.

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C. President Cleveland
(Due Victoria, B.C., May 3.)
Parcels Apr. 15, 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia President Cleveland
Registration Apr. 15, 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16.
Haiphong Canton 2.30 p.m.
Japan Fushimi Maru 3.30 p.m.
Manila President Hayes 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17.
Manila Asama Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Hozan Maru 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Yang 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kwangchow 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 18.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island Changte
(Due Thursday Island, April 30.)
Parcels Apr. 18, 5 p.m.
Registration Apr. 18, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21.
Sandakan Yu Sang 10.30 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondents only.

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FRENCH MOTOR ENGINEER IN TROUBLE

In the Colony Without a
Valid Passport.

POSSESSION OF A PISTOL.

Evidence was heard by Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning in the case in which George Arthur De Houx De Fastree, a motor engineer of France, is charged with possession of an automatic pistol, and with being in the Colony without valid passport.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, prosecuted, and Mr. Leo D'Almada (junior), was for the defence.

Capt. Guy R. Bass, Secretary and Chief Police Officer of the Kulong Municipal Council administering the International Settlement of Kulong, Amoy, gave evidence in regard to the validity of the passport. He said that he knew the defendant as George Houx for about four and a half years in Amoy. Defendant did, during his time there, apply for a visa to come to Hong Kong. On or about October 13 or 14 of last year, witness was sitting and talking with the defendant in the latter's office, when a card was brought in bearing the name George Houx. Witness withdrew to the verandah and stayed there.

He heard the defendant ask for a visa. The Consul said, "But what nationality are you?" Houx replied, "I am an unacknowledged French subject."

Replying to Counsel for the defence, Capt. Bass said that it was his intention not to be observed by the defendant and it was possible that defendant did not know that the witness was on the verandah. Answering further questions, witness said the Consul's closing remarks to Houx were that he could not grant a visa, and advised Houx to see the French Consul. Mr. d'Almada—You did not think it your duty to stay in the room.

Witness—No.
Replying to his Worship, Capt. Bass said that from previous conversations he had with Houx, he came to the conclusion that he was born in France, had evaded military duty, and was consequently disowned.

The hearing was adjourned to Thursday afternoon.

"WITH THESE CATTLE—"

New Marriage Words for Natives.

Discussing African marriage customs, Archdeacon Owen, a well-known Kenya cleric, has declared that in response to a request from native Christians, the wording of the marriage ceremony has been changed from "With this ring I thee wed" to "With these cattle I thee wed."

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The Vicar took a reminiscent pull at his pipe and chuckled.

About half an hour afterwards there was the most tremendous sensation at the village inn. The door was pushed open, and in strutted Sam Pengelly, proud as a peacock, wearing his collar.

"I heard from his mother afterwards that the poor fellow had been fascinated by it for a long time, and had pestered her with requests to buy him one like it at Tavistock market. Since she wouldn't take him seriously, in despair he had recourse to the more direct expedient of taking it forcibly from my neck. That, you see, was the explanation of the glances which had so much alarmed me. He was afraid at first that I would be very angry with him; but I made up two or three of my old collars in a parcel and gave them to him myself. After that he became almost embarrassing in his devotion to me, following me everywhere about the place, anxious to do anything that I might ask him. He proved quite teachable up to a point, and finally I promoted him to doing all sorts of odd jobs about the church. We became great friends, and after a while I found to my surprise that all my old fear of him had gone. He was just like a child—a rather backward child of about five or six."

The Vicar stretched out his feet and looked meditatively up at the ceiling.
"I've always been grateful for that little encounter outside the church," he said, "for it cured me of my fear, and it's always a good thing to be cured of any fear."

Manchester Guardian.

THE PRIZE

A PARSON AND A VILLAGE IDIOT.

A Collar That Was Desired.

By L. A. G. Strong.

We were talking of idiots and the antipathy they arouse in some people. I said that I was almost always frightened of them, even in cases when I knew them to be harmless. The Vicar got up and knocked out his pipe on the edge of his mantelpiece.

"Yes," he said, fishing for his pouch and starting to fill the pipe again. "I used to be that way too. Idiots of every kind filled me with repulsion. I could not even bear the sight of them, much less having to talk to them. But now, as you know, I don't mind them at all."

"How did you manage to get over the feeling?"

The Vicar laughed.

"In the most curious manner," he replied. "In fact, by all the rules of conventional psychology I ought to be forty times worse. Still, things don't always work out according to the text-books."

"It was one particular idiot who cured me. At the time I was vicar of a little parish in Devon, on the borders of the moorland. All the churches in Devon are either down in a valley or up on a hilltop. Mine was on a hilltop, with a little lane leading up to it. It was a regular test of piety in bad weather, I can tell you; but that's the story of the vicar."

"Sam Pengelly. I conceived a horror of him the first time I saw him, and though everyone told me he was harmless I found it almost impossible to believe them. He had the usual vacant face, plus a wide, slobbering mouth and huge red hands, and his arms were long like an ape's. I was frankly afraid of the fellow. Yet he had never been known to harm anyone except on one occasion when he bit his mother."

"He never tried it again. Mrs. Pengelly wasn't one you'd take liberties with at any time of the day, and she well knew how to handle her Sam. She shut him out in the yard, and wouldn't give him any dinner. 'Thee has tried to eat me,' she said. 'Very well, then, I be thy dinner. Eat me, if thee want dinner.' But Sam wouldn't try it on, and when she'd started all the fight out of him, she lammed him with a broom handle and kept him on short rations for a week. That about cured him of any cannibalistic tendencies he may have had. I knew all about it, but I couldn't get over my fear. Reason has very little to do with these antipathies."

"Soon after I came to the parish there was an incident which increased the feelings I had about him. One blazing hot day a cat fell into an old disused brick-pit near the vicarage garden and went mad from thirst. We held a consultation as to the best means of putting the poor beast out of its misery, and the gardener had just hobbled off home to fetch his shotgun when Sam came forward and peered into the pit. He called once or twice to the cat, and then looked about him. On the ground was a ladder which someone had brought to rescue the animal, not realising that it was mad. Before we properly knew what he was about Sam seized this ladder and lowered it into the pit; then, shaking off our hands, he climbed down."

"The cat retreated and crouched in a corner, its eyes regular slits of fire. Creeping to it, Sam advanced slowly, his great hands open. It was an extraordinary sight. For some seconds the two mad things eyed each other, then—I can't say whether the cat sprang first or Sam—there was a sudden flash of movement and Sam's hands were round the cat's neck. The beast struggled frantically, gashing Sam's hands and wrists, but he held it fast, murmuring endearments, and in a few seconds it was limp and dead. Then he dropped it, looked dully at his bleeding hands, and slouched away."

"After that, reason with myself how I would, I could not be at ease with him. The scene had made a great impression on me; I saw it over and over again. I could scarcely see a cat, much less Sam, without remembering. It got on my nerves and I became really terrified of Sam. He was quick to notice this, his manner towards me changed. He would slide furtively into the ditch when I passed him. To everyone else, from the Squire downwards, he would bellow a greeting, but when he met me he was mum. His vacant gaze would focus on me, and though I assured myself that it must be only fancy, I could swear he was looking at my neck. I told myself the affair with the cat was becoming an obsession with me; still, no amount of reasoning seemed any use, and I grew more and more uneasy."

"This being so, you can judge my consternation when, after locking up the church one dark October evening, I found Sam lurking in the lane outside the high-gate. He was obviously waiting for me. As soon as I appeared he rose from the hedge and shuffled into the road. There was just light enough on the hilltop for me to see him. Between the high hedges he would be invisible, and so I resolved at once to try and get past him in the open. Once past him, I made no doubt of my ability to run for it if necessary."

"Good evening, Sam," I said, and made pass him. Then my heart jumped, for he suddenly stretched his long arms and barred my way.

"It was a good half-mile to the village, and we were quite alone. I remember, even in my fear, a sudden anger that this dangerous creature should be at large and a sort of triumph that I had judged him correctly. I pushed forward as hard as I could."

"Sam! How dare you! Let me pass this instant!"

"The bluff almost succeeded. For a moment he wavered, and with little enough dignity I scurried past; but his great hands shot out and held me."

"Na, na," he babbled. "Na, Gimme."

"At his touch I turned almost mad with repulsion. I've learned to use my hands, and I hit him with all my might, once, and once again. The next instant I was on my back, feeling as if the earth had crashed up and struck me."

"Na, na. I must, I must, then. Gimme, now."

"It was the same crooning, soothing tone he had used to the cat. He was kneeling on my arms and his great red hands were fumbling at my throat."

"A minute later I was standing, alone, unharmed, fingering my neck. My shirt was torn and my collar had disappeared."

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Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of April 12, 1922.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5 9/16.

The Hong Kong Government seems to be terribly afraid that its well-meant intentions would only do harm if it attempted to reform the slavery system that obtains in the Colony. Mr. Winston Churchill, however, has stated in Parliament that both he and Sir Reginald Stubbs are determined to put an end to the system. Nothing has actually been done as yet, except that the Governor has been instructed to issue a proclamation that the system "as it exists in China" will not in future be recognised in Hong Kong.

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Retrenchment Commission's Recommendations

Too Little Public Health Work Being Done In The Colony

MORE CHINESE NURSING SISTERS

Greater Co-Ordination Between Various Medical Public Health Authorities Advocated

INSTALLMENT III.

Magistracies.

The only comment that the Commissioners have to make here is that it is unnecessary to fill the post of Magistrate's clerk at the Central Magistracy with a legally qualified or legally trained officer. An officer of Class II or at the top of Class III of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff is sufficient provided that the magisterial bench is filled by an efficient person.

Government's Comment.
Government concurs in this recommendation.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

After most careful consideration the Commissioners feel unable to recommend any reduction in this department. Considering the density of the population, probably higher than in any other city in the world, it would seem that if anything too little public health work is done. At most they recommend that the extensive schemes—at any rate so far as regards those involving the expenditure of extra money—for reorganizing the Medical and Sanitary Services be deferred until more prosperous times. It is only two years since a medical man, the Hon. Dr. Wellington, was brought to the Colony for the specific purpose of reorganization. And it is still more recently that the first fundamental step towards the stamping out of malaria was taken by the appointment of a Malariaologist. The Commissioners hesitate to recommend that the post should be abolished.

2.—The Medical Department has for some years past employed Chinese as medical officers. This practice should be extended to the Bacteriologist's and the Government Analyst's sub-departments. At both only the head should be a European. The assistants, one at the former office and three at the latter, should be replaced by Chinese. The substitution of Chinese for European Nursing Sisters should be pushed on as rapidly as suitable local recruits are obtainable.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 2.—A vacancy has recently occurred in the Bacteriological Office by the transfer to British Guiana of Dr. Minett. The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has been instructed to endeavour to obtain a Chinese for the post of Assistant and it is hoped that he will be successful. It will not be easy to find a trained Chinese analyst, but the co-operation of the University is being sought. It is obvious, however, that the requirements of Government alone for trained analysts are not large enough to make it worth the while of the University to institute any special course of training.

The gradual replacement of European by Chinese Nursing Sisters has been and will continue to be Government's policy. In the printed draft Estimates for 1932 it will be seen that the establishment of European Nurses has been reduced by four.

3.—In addition there are certain steps that can and should be taken whereby the Colony would receive better value than it does at present for the money spent on public health, without in any way increasing expenditure. And that is by greater co-ordination between the various medical public health authorities. There are the Government medical service, the private practitioners, the University, the Chinese hospitals and dispensaries, the Sanitary Board and the Sanitary Department. The aim of all is the same, the health of the people. Let them take counsel together as to how best they may achieve their

aim. Admittedly a difficult question. But with tact and goodwill much more can be done than is the case at present.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 3.—Government while in sympathy with the idea underlying this paragraph is not aware of any practical scheme of economy which can be evolved therefrom.

4.—The Commissioners understand that the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has already submitted to Government his recommendations for the reorganization of the health service in Hong Kong, and that his report is being considered by a Committee. It would be idle therefore for the Commissioners to go into this matter in detail. They would however stress the point that it is wasteful to have two separate authorities within Government for health work.

5.—The Commissioners know it has been suggested that the Medical Department should obtain surgical, medical and gynaecological specialists. The University already has eminent experts in each of these branches, and the Commission can see no necessity why the posts should be duplicated. The fact that Government medical officers are eligible for these posts should not be forgotten.

6.—Government should take up with the University authorities the question of the ordering of 'extras' and the supply of dressings, the cost of which has to be borne by Government, for University ward patients in the Government Civil Hospital. They are ordered far more lavishly by the University professors than by the Government practitioners. The practice should cease.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 5 and 6.—It is not the intention of Government to obtain

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Signs of Stagnation. LITTLE BUYING POWER.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: Once more the market is again showing signs of stagnation, and although there is scarcely any change in rates, there does not seem to be much buying power about.

Sales.

Hong Kong Banks, \$1,550/1,555.
Union Insurances, \$471.
Providents (old), \$4.90.
Providents (new), \$2.4.
H.K. Realties, \$11.45.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.90.
China Lights (old), \$21.10.
H.K. Electric, \$74.4.
Watsons (Right), \$3.4.

Buyers.

Union Insurances, \$470.
Douglases, \$26.
Benguet, \$13.4.
Docks, \$20.
Providents (old), \$4.85.
Provident (new), \$2.4.
Hotels (Cum. Right), \$13.4.
H.K. Realties, \$11.35.
Chinese Estates, \$96.
Benguet Explorations, 28 cents.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14.85.
Hong Kong Trams, \$21.4.
Peak Trams (old), \$15.4.
Hong Kong Electric, \$74.
Telephones (R.P.), \$25.
Amusements, \$22.10.
Constructions (new), \$1.35.
Govt. Loans, 3½ per cent. Prem.
Sellers.

International Assoc., Tls. 4.
Humphreys, \$17.
China Lights (old), \$21.4.
S.C. Enterprises, \$20.

specialists. The three University professors in medicine, surgery, and obstetrics and gynaecology, are now definitely attached to the Medical Department as Government Consultants. This regularization of their position will enable the Medical Officer-in-Charge of Government Civil Hospital to draw their attention to any apparent extravagance in the ordering of 'extras' in exactly the same way as he does in the case of other Medical Officers under him.

7.—With the exception of Victoria Hospital the catering in Government hospitals is done by contract. The question of whether it would not be cheaper to do it departmentally, which it is understood has been the experience at Victoria Hospital, should be gone into.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 7.—The catering for all Government hospitals, including Victoria Hospital, is by contract. Government is satisfied that this is the cheapest method.

FEES TOO LOW.

8.—The Commissioners are of the opinion that the fees at present charged in Government hospitals for medical attendance and operations are too low. They understand that their revision is already under consideration.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 8.—Fees in Government hospitals for operations and treatments have recently been raised. It is not considered desirable to raise the fees for medical attendance; these were increased in 1929.

9.—The Commissioners have already reported to Government their views on the desirability of building a new Government Civil Hospital. *Not reproduced.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 9.—The building of a new Government Civil Hospital will be undertaken as soon as funds can be made available.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

For the work to be done the Commissioners do not consider that this department is overstaffed. In their opinion there are only two methods by which retrenchment can be effected. Firstly that street cleansing be done by contract. The Head of the Sanitary Department stated that this would be much cheaper than the present system of doing the work departmentally, though he doubted whether it would be done as efficiently. The risk of this cannot be avoided if savings are to be effected.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 1.—Government does not consider it desirable to have street cleansing done by a contractor. The system was tried before, and the results were not satisfactory. Street cleansing is most important from the health point of view.

ASIATIC INSPECTORS.

2.—Secondly the replacement of European Sanitary Inspectors by Asiatics. This policy has been adopted in Malaya, and has proved satisfactory. There the only Europeans are the chief inspectors. It is claimed for the European that he has greater integrity and is more reliable. He is, however, very much more expensive. The Commissioners recommend that the scheme be given a thorough trial. It might be necessary in the first instance to obtain through the Malayan authorities a nucleus of Asiatic inspectors from that country.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 2.—Government is prepared to give the scheme a thorough

trial as recommended by the Retrenchment Commission, and has given instructions to the Head of the Sanitary Department accordingly. The replacement of Europeans by Asiatics will have to be gradual, and the experiment carefully watched, if it is to prove the success which Government hopes it will be.

3.—The Commissioners considered the question of incinerators and the flushing of streets with sea water. They were glad to learn from the Head of the Sanitary Department that the latter is already practised with the consequent relief to the water supply. Regarding the former they regard the capital cost as prohibitive. They would moreover point out that the evil of dumping refuse at sea is mild compared with that of discharging sewage direct into the harbour, without first passing it through a septic tank.

4.—They would invite the attention of the Head of the Sanitary Department to the fact, that limitation of the number of hawkers involves Government in the cost of incarceration of those persons, who commit the offence of hawking without a licence.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 4.—It is very necessary to limit the number of hawkers—13,748 licences were issued in 1929,—and to control those who are licensed.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade who is also the Inspector General of Police,—thus effecting a saving in the salary of Chief Officer,—has already reduced the number of 2nd class firemen from 80 to 60 and of motor drivers from 35 to 32. The Commissioners do not recommend any further reductions, either in the European or Chinese personnel, as the Fire Brigade is an essential service.

No comments.

DISTRICT OFFICES.

The two District Offices are both small departments with but one executive head for each, and a total of three European land bailiffs between them. The Chinese staff is proportionately small. The Commissioners do not consider that there is a possibility of any reduction here.

No comments.

BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

This is another small department which appeared to the Commissioners to be run most economically. The area to be looked after is the whole of the Island and the New Territories, scattered throughout which are Government plantations. In addition the Botanical and Forestry Department performs work for and advises other departments, notably the District Offices, on all matters appertaining to trees, etc. No reductions are recommended.

No comments.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

Hong Kong is one of the few Colonies which has an Observatory department of any size functioning as a self-contained unit. But Hong Kong is peculiarly situated geographically, and as a result has to perform weather reporting services for the large amount of shipping that uses the South China seas. Depending as it does for its very existence on shipping it is but right that the Colony should undertake this work.

Work More for Mariners.

2.—There is a tendency however on the part of the Observatory staff to devote a part of their time to taking magnetic and other observations which, though no doubt of great interest to international meteorological institutions, are of no benefit either to Hong Kong or to local shipping. Such work should not be undertaken, for if it is, there is the danger that the proper functions of the Observatory will be neglected. Moreover it necessarily entails the purchase of expensive instruments; those for the magnetic hut at Au Tau for example cost \$8,000 in addition to \$12,000 for the building. The Observatory should confine its activities to work for mariners.

Paragraph 2.—It is impossible to serve shipping adequately without doing a certain amount of work beyond the sending out of storm warnings and weather reports. The Government is not prepared to admit that the work of the Observatory has been unduly extended.

3.—The Commissioners recommend that on a vacancy occurring, which will probably be soon, on the retirement of the present Director,

the post of junior assistant should be filled by a Chinese. It due course the post of Chief Assistant should also be held by a Chinese.

Government's Comment.
Paragraph 3.—Government is in agreement with the Commission regarding the desirability of filling the posts of assistants with Chinese if efficiency can be ensured. Enquiries have been made at Szeaiwei and the University of Hong Kong, and it has been found that a trained Chinese Observatory Assistant is unobtainable. The question of training up a school or university graduate, with an aptitude for the work, is being explored. It may be, however, that past experience in other places shows that it has been difficult to obtain Chinese sufficiently reliable in this class of work.

POST OFFICE.

One small reduction has already been effected in the Post Office by the abolition of the post of Inspector of Postman. Beyond this the Commissioners are unable to recommend any reductions. Apart from local postal work, the Hong Kong Post Office has to deal with a vast amount of transit mail between south and north China, and China and all other parts of the world. The mails must be dealt with expeditiously. The Post Office staff is not too large. When a new Post Office is built in Kowloon, central distribution of letters should be instituted, as it has been on the Hong Kong side. This system is economical in postmen.

Government's Comment.
The recommendation contained in the last two sentences will be borne in mind when a new Post Office has been built in Kowloon. This desirable work will, however, have to wait for more prosperous times.

SECRETARIAT FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS.

The duties performed by the staff of this department are multifarious, extending as they do from liaison work between the Government and the Chinese community to inspection of factories. It is evident that work of the latter description, in fact all social welfare work, will increase in the near future. It is right that Hong Kong should progress in this direction; moreover, there is the League of Nations with its various committees and missions continually urging that more be done. It is probable that the staff will tend to grow larger rather than smaller. There is, however, one small reduction that should be made, and that is the post of the European Police Sergeant attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs for inspection of boarding houses. That work could be adequately performed by the ordinary staff of the department.

Voluntary Censorship Suggested.

2.—A system of voluntary censorship accompanied by a bond or cash deposit, might be substituted for the present form of censorship control, in the case of the larger and more responsible Chinese newspapers. A reduction in the censorship staff could then be effected.

3.—Payment of compensation for 'fung shui' should be discontinued.

Government's Comment.
The reduction recommended in paragraph 1 has been effected. Very little time is spent on the censoring of responsible Chinese newspapers. So far as Government is aware no monetary or other valuable consideration is given for 'fung shui' (lit. wind localities).

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

With the exception of the Treasury the Imports and Exports Department is the largest revenue collecting of all the Government departments. The staff is, however, chiefly occupied in the prevention of smuggling and evasion of excise duties. Hong Kong is so situated that it is peculiarly easy for the smuggler of opium, liquor and tobacco to bring his wares into the Colony. The staff of eighteen European and ninety-six Chinese Revenue Officers is not too large for the work to be performed. The more that smuggling can be prevented the greater will be the revenue. It was for this reason that the Commissioners informed the Government last September that they agreed to the building of a new launch for the department.

2.—No reduction is recommended in the staff of the Statistical Branch.

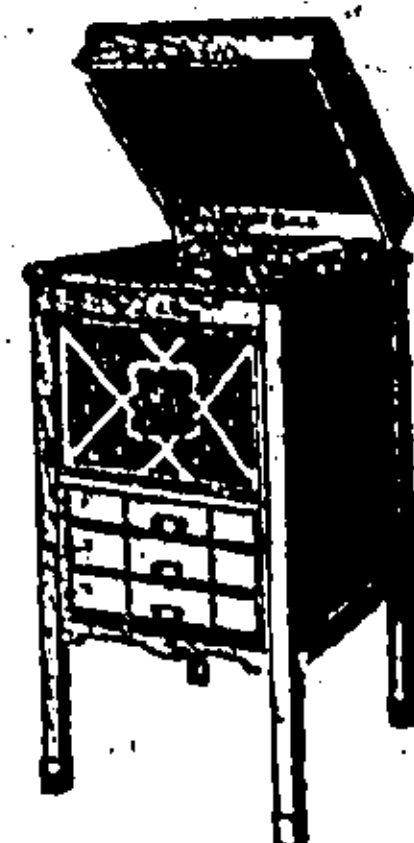
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COMPANY MEETINGS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, 5 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 21st April 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 29th February 1932 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 12th April to 21st April, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
W. L. ALEXANDER, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 5th April, 1932.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 19th April, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, April 13, to Tuesday, April 19, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, April 7, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 23rd April, 1932, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, the Club House, Happy Valley, the Hong Kong Club, the Sports Club, and the Stables, Village Road.

ENTRIES close at 12 o'clock Noon on THURSDAY, 14th April, 1932.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP, Actg. Secretary.
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Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/4

On Paris—
On demand 585
Credits, 4 months' sight 640

On Berlin—
On demand Nom.

On New York—
On demand 23%
Credits, 60 days' sight 24%

On Bombay—
Wire 81
On demand 81

On Calcutta—
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On Singapore—
On demand 52 1/2

On Manila—
On demand 46 1/4

On Shanghai—
On demand 77 1/4
Dollar 3 1/2% dis.

On Yokohama—
On demand 69 1/4

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 1/33%
Silver (per oz.) 16 15/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.
Copper Cash Nom.
Copper Cents 1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 29% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

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Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris 96 13/16
New York 3.80
Montreal 4.20
Brussels 27.07 1/2
Geneva 19.60
Amsterdam 9.37 1/2
Milan 73 3/4
Berlin 15.95
Stockholm 19.20
Copenhagen 18 5/16
Oslo 19 1/4
Vienna 32 nom.
Prague 123
Helsingfors 215
Madrid 50
Lisbon 110
Athens 300
Bucharest 637 1/2
Rio 4 1/16
Buenos Aires 36 3/4
Montevideo 29 nom.
Bombay 1/6 1/32
Shanghai 1/8 1/16
Yokohama 1/9
Hong Kong 1/3
Silver Spot 16 15/16
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U.S.S. Helena For Cavite To Be Scrapped.

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Thirty years' valuable service on the China Sea will be brought to an end this week when the U.S. gunboat Helena (affectionately nicknamed the Jam Factory, because of its tall funnel) will proceed to Cavite, P.I. to be scrapped.

She was launched in January 1893 and commissioned in 1897. First she did patrol work on the Amazon, in South America, and joined Uncle Sam's Asiatic Fleet in 1902. Since that time she had been on duty in South China waters continuously until 1917, when she did duty around Vladivostok and the Russian Islands until 1927, when she went on the Yangtze River patrol. Since 1929 she had been on duty between Canton and Hong Kong.

Equally well-known in these waters was the Helena's sistership, the U.S.S. Wilmington, which went out of service in 1922. She had a better fate than the Helena in her "old age" in that she is now used as a training ship on the Great Lakes.

The Helena came out of Talook Dock yesterday and is now at her accustomed anchorage at Yaumati. She sails on her final voyage on Friday, and will be escorted to Cavite by the U.S.S. Pecos, which came here specially for the purpose.

SCHNEIDER TRIO'S FIRST CONCERT.

To-morrow.

The following is the programme for the first concert to be rendered at the Helena May Institute at 9.20 on Wednesday (April 13) night.

1.—Trio No. 2 in B Flat Major
(a) Allegro.
(b) Larghetto.
(c) Allegretto.

2.—Trio in A, Ildebrando Pizzetti
(a) Mosso e Arioso.
(b) Largo.
(c) Rapsodia di Settembre. (Composed in 1925).

3.—Trio Op. 38. G. Gretschaninow
(a) Allegro Appassionato.
(b) Lento Assai.
(c) Finale.

H.K. THEOSOPHISTS.

Pay Tribute to a Great Teacher.

LODGE TO BE NAMED AFTER MR. M. MANUK.

A memorial meeting of appreciation of the late Mr. Malcolm Manuk, founder of the local branch of the Theosophical Society, was held at the lodge of the Society, Queen's Road Central, last evening. Practically all the members of the Society were present, as well as many non-member friends of the deceased.

On a table on the rostrum, at which Mr. Manuk, as President, used to conduct the weekly meetings, was a lighted taper and incense was burned on a brazier. In the chair he usually occupied was a basket of his favourite flowers. Other blooms were to be seen in various parts of the room, and blooms were also strewn on the platform.

Mr. John Russell conducted the meeting. It was a solemn ceremony, simple in character. He said that they were gathered there to appreciate the wonderful work and the great influence which their late teacher had given to all who were interested in theosophy in China, and particularly in Hong Kong. He also spoke eloquently of the late Mr. Manuk's life, work, and inspiration to others.

Other speakers at the meeting were Mrs. Takiti, Mr. Wei Tat, and Dr. Ludwig Reichelt.

It was announced that, as soon as could be managed, the official title of the local organisation will be changed to the Mannik Lodge of the Theosophical Society, in fitting commemoration of the work of a great teacher.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE									
Opening Daily Official Quotations, April 12, 1932.									
NEXT SETTLEMENT DAY, TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 1932.									
STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Non	Fin. Year	Last dividend and when paid			
Banks.									
Hoong Kong Bank	...	...	10500	15500	Dec	Final \$2.11 (1931-32) making \$2 for 1931	Feb. 29, 32		
(Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	102	Dec				
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	111	Dec	Fin. 7s. 6d. to 1/10/31	Apr. 8, 32		
Mercantile Bk. A.B.	...	...	...	191	Dec	Int. 7% 7/10/31 less 1/10/31	Sep. 8, 32		
C. I.	...	...	...	72	Dec				
Bank of Asia	...	...	...	115	Dec	Int. 7% 7/10/31	Mar. 31, 32		
Amer. O. Fin. Corp. M\$	...	...	...	10	Dec				
Insurance.									
Canton Ins.	...	...	...	1250	Dec	Fin. \$2.50 (1931 for 1932) making \$2 for 1931	May 19, 32		
Union Ins.	70	...	471	...	Dec	Fin. 10s. 6d. to 1/10/31 (interim 24s. 6d. 1/10/31)	May 29, 32		
China Underwriters	...	...	...	4	Dec	None			
China Fire Ins.	...	...	...	100	Dec	Final 20s. 8d. to 1/10/31 and \$14 for 1932 (interim 43s. 4d. 1/10/31)	May 29, 32		
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	...	1195	Dec	Fin. 20s. 8d. to 1/10/31 making \$25 for 1932	Mar. 30, 32		
International Assur. Co. Tls.	...	...	...	...	Dec				
Shipping.									
Douglases	25	...	...	...	Dec	Last dividend for 1931			
H. K. Steamboats	...	...	...	43	Dec	Last dividend for 1931			
Indo-China (Pvt.)	...	...	...	15	Dec	Int. 4% 2/10/31 on preferred for 1931 and 2/10/31	June 19, 32		
(Def.)	...	...	...	32	Dec	Last dividend for 1931			
Shells Steamer	...	...	...	97 1/2	Dec	Final 10s. 6d. to 1/10/31 (interim 10s. 6d. 1/10/31)	July 6, 32		
Union Waterboats	...	...	...	19 1/2	Dec	50 cents a for 1931	Mar. 20, 32		
Mining.									
Benguet	13 1/2	...	...	...	Dec	Final Int. 15 cents a for 1932 (interim 15s. 6d. 1/10/31 for year 8-31)	Mar. 21, 32		
Kailash Mining Ad.	...	...	22 1/2	...	June		Dec. 31, 32		
Langkat (Single)	...	...	...	4	Oct.	T. 0.00 for year 31-10-32	May 8, 32		
Shai Exploration	...	...	2.10	...	Dec	None			
Loans	...	...	...	2	Dec	Final T. 0.35 for 1932 (interim T. 0.30 for 1932)	Feb. 6, 32		
Raub	...	...	88	...	Mar.	2nd Int. 24s. 6d. year 31-3-32	Mar. 15, 32		
Venezuela Gold Fields	...	...	...	2	Dec				
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.									
H. K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...	1 1/2	Dec	\$1 for 1931	Mar. 10, 32		
H. K. & W. Docks	20	...	...	...	Dec	Last dividend for 1931			
South Ch. Movers (A)	...	...	...	10	Dec				
"(B)"	...	...	...	12	Dec				
China Provident (old)	4 3/8	...	...	...	Dec	{ 10 cents on old } for 1931 { 10 cents on new }	Mar. 24, 32		
(new)	2 1/2	...	21	...	Dec				
Hongkew	...	...	...	200	Dec	Interim T. 3 s/4 1931	Oct. 3, 32		
N. Engineering	...	...	...	52	Dec	T. 0.25 for 1931	Mar. 8, 32		
Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	33	Apr.	T. 0 for year 30-4-31	July 29, 32		
Land, Hotels & Buildings.									
H. & S. Hotels (C.R.)	18 1/2	...	...	...	Dec	60cts. (old) 31cts. (new) for 1931	Mar. 18, 32		
(Highway)	...	...	...	2 1/2	Dec				
H.K. Lands	...	...	...	75	Dec	Final \$2 making \$4 for 1931 (Final 7s. 6d. bonus 7s. 6d. and 12s. 6d. for 1931)	Feb. 10, 32		
Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	25	Dec		Apr. 8, 32		
Humphreys	...	...	...	10	Dec	{ \$1.20 on old } { \$1.20 on new }	Feb. 29, 32		
Metropolitan Lands Tls.	17	...	...	...	Sep.	T. 1 year 30-3-31	Oct. 25, 32		
H. K. Realities	11 1/2	...	11.45	...	Dec	Fin. 30cts. mak. 60cts. for 1931	Mar. 2, 32		
Asia Realities "A"	...	...	...	160	Dec				
"B"	...	...	...	80	Dec				
Chinese Estates	95	...	...	...	Dec				
Benguet Explorations	23cts.	...	...	...	Feb.	Interim \$2 s/4 year 32-3-32	Jan. 20, 32		
Cotton Mills.									
Ewo Cottons	14 1/2	...	14.90	...	Dec	T. 1.50 for 1931	Pending		
Shanghai Cottons	...	...	...	75	Apr. and Oct.	T. 2-25 for half year 31-10-31	Dec. 31, 32		
Zoong Sings	...	...	...	11 1/2	June	T. 0-80 for year 30-3-31	Oct. 8, 32		
Public Utilities.									
H. K. Tramways	21 1/2	...	...	...	Dec	Final 50cts. making \$1 for 1931 (50 cts. on old) year 30-3-31	Feb. 17, 32		
Peak Tram (old)	15 1/2	...	...	...	Apr.		June 15, 32		
(new)	...	...	...	8	Dec	\$1.50 for 1930	Feb. 11, 32		
Star Ferries	...	...	...	91 1/2	Dec	\$1.50 for 1930	June 29, 32		
Yauwatt Ferries	...	...	...	37	Dec	50 cts. for year 30-3-31	Dec. 31, 32		
China Light (old)	21 1/2	...	31.10	...	Sep.				
(new)	...	...	20 1/2	...	Dec	\$2.50 for 1931	Mar. 25, 32		
H. K. Electric	74	...	74 1/2	...	Dec				
Macao	...	...	...	24 1/2	Dec				
Sandakan Light	...	...	...	13	June	None			
H. K. Tel. fully paid	...	...	...	41	Dec	Final 6% making 10% for 1931	Mar. 9, 32		
part paid	...	...	...	9 1/2	Dec	T. 0.90 for 1929	Feb. 25, 32		
China Buses	...	...	...	16	Dec	1 1/2% on preference share (Subject to income tax)	Feb. 6, 32		
S'port Tractors (old)	...	...	...	14 1/2	Sep.				
(new)	...	...	...	14 1/2	Sep.				
Industrial.									
Malayan Sugars	...	...	...	21	Dec	Pa. 4.50 for 1930	Mar. 4, 32		
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	...	14	Dec	{ T. 1 } { T. 0.80 } for 1930	Mar. 27, 32		
Pref.	...	...	...	10 1/2	Dec	20 cents for y 31-7-31	Oct. 2, 32		
Canton Ice	...	...	...	51	Dec				
Cement (new)	...	...	...	18.40	Dec	{ 45 cents on old } { 45 cents on new }	Mar. 21, 32		
(old)	...	...	...	23.55	Dec				
(new)	...	...	...	5.45	Dec				
H. K. Rope	...	...	...	15	Dec	50cts. bonus 15cts. mak. \$1 for 1931	April 7, 32		
China Agriculture	...	...	...	10 1/2	Dec				
Stores, &c.									
City Farms	...	...	...	26.50	Dec	\$1.75 for 1931	Mar. 2, 32		
Macos	...	...	...	16	Oct.	80 cents for year 31-10-31	Pending		
(Rights)	...	...	...	...	...				
A Wings	...	...	...	1	...				
Crawfords (old)	...	...	...	5 1/2	Feb.	Last dividend for year 22-3-30			
(new)	...	...	...	19	Feb.	\$3 for year 22-3-31	Apr. 20, 32		
Kintoos	...	...	...	15 1/2	Feb.				
Macos	...	...	...	16 1/2	Feb.	20 cents for year 22-3-31	June 17, 32		
Powells	...	...	...	8.65	...				
Miscellaneous.									
Amusements	22.10	...	...	...	Mar.	\$2.00 for year 31-3-31	Sep. 30, 32		
Entertainment	...	...	...	14.90	Dec	20 cents for 1931	Mar. 22, 32		
C. Enterprises	10	...	...	...	Dec				
Grand Theatres	...	...	...	5	Dec				
Macos "Greyboards"	...	...	...	10	Dec				
Productions (Old)	...	...	...	51	Dec	{ 40 cents on old } { 14 cents on new }	Apr. 6, 32		
(New)	1.05	...	...	...	Dec				
Ord. G. Bonds	...	...	...	58%	...				
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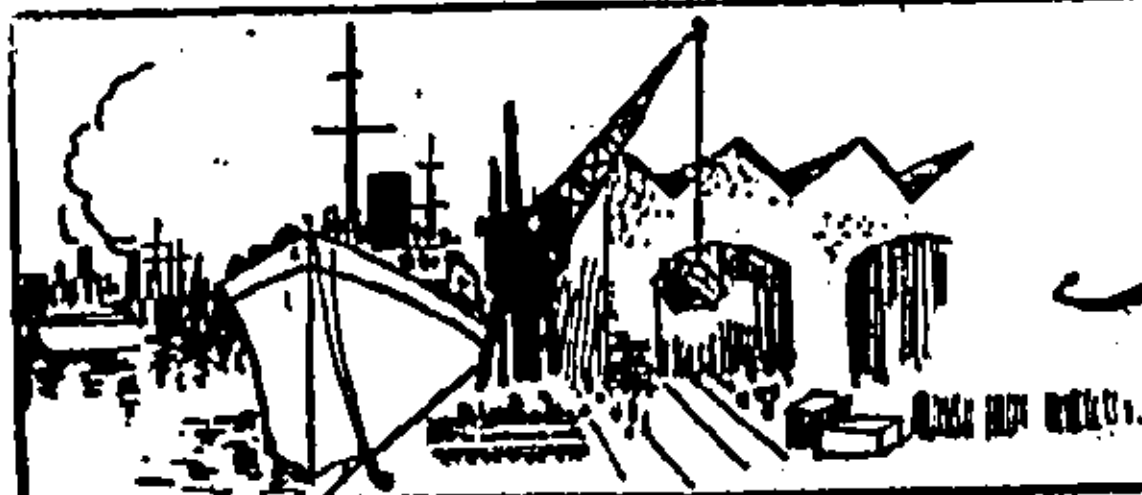
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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Havana Maru	Wed.,	20th Apr.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (8 p.m. every Sun- day).	Hozan Maru	Sun.,	17th Apr.
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Warwickshire Sold to
Japanese.

£13,000 FROM SCRAPPERS.

There is something about the ships of the Bibby Line which gives every ship her personality, and makes them particularly popular and interesting with the sailor-man. The news that the Warwickshire has been sold to Japanese scrappers for £13,000 is therefore of interest to many outside the area directly covered by the company's services. When she was built by Messrs. Harland & Wolff, Ltd., in 1902, she was the biggest ship in the company's fleet. She was a development and enlargement of the Derbyshire of 1897, and was a twin-screw steamer whose tonnage was originally just over and later just under 8,000, while her quadruple expansion engines gave her a speed of 15 knots. Her passenger accommodation was outstanding, being fitted out with Mr. Bibby's patent tandem cabin, which at once so strongly appealed to all concerned that overhead licences were taken out by the principal shipbuilding companies in the United Kingdom, while special licences have been granted to various shipping companies for individual ships. So popular has this arrangement proved that practically every first-class tropical ship, both in this country and abroad, is now fitted with this arrangement, for which the patent expired some years ago.

Service During War.

On completion, the Warwickshire was put under the command of Captain G. H. Harris, one of the senior masters of the fleet, and ran on the company's Rangoon service with the happiest freedom from incident. During the war she carried 2,700 troops in January, 1917, from East Africa to Karachi, and when homeward bound was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, but managed to steam to Bizerta, where she landed her passengers, crew and cargo safely. In April, 1919, she was again requisitioned to repatriate Australian troops, and made two voyages, carrying from 2,500 officers and men. Thereafter she was refitted, and returned to the Liverpool-London-Rangoon service. Her last voyage as a passenger ship finished in November, 1927, and when her passenger accommodation had been taken out and her gross tonnage reduced from 8,012 to 7,127 she was put on the Burmese cargo service, after being reclassified 100 A1. She has been on that work to Great Britain and the Continent ever since, her last voyage finishing only a few days before sale.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

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WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:-

Tamar—Basin.
Cicala—North wall.
Veteran—South wall.
Marazion—South wall.
Orpheus—East wall.
Tarantula—East wall.
Folkestone—East wall.
Bridgewater—East wall.
Seamew—East wall.
Cumberland—North arm.
Whitshed—North arm.
Hermes—West wall.
Whitehall—In dock.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Proteus—No. 5 buoy.
Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.
Vindictive—No. 2 buoy.
Wild Swan—No. 13 buoy.
Submarines—Nos. 11 and 12 buoys.

Foreign Men-of-War.

Helena—American gunboat.
Pecos—American fuel ship.
Argus—French river gunboat.
On Pak—Chinese gunboat.
Chiang Ku—Chinese gunboat.

PROBABLY IMPROVING.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:-

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific to the East of Tokyo.

The depression has moved into the Eastern Sea to the North of Oshima.

The Tongking depression has filled up.

Forecast:—E. winds, moderate; cloudy, fog or light rain; probably improving.

Rainfall.

For the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day—0.02 inch.
Total since January 1—4.89 inches against an average of 7.95 inches—deficit 3.06 inches.

Temperature.

Hong Kong	73
Macao	68
Pratas Island	76
Manila	76
Foochow	65
Amoy	68
Swatow	72
Chefoo	45
Shanghai	50

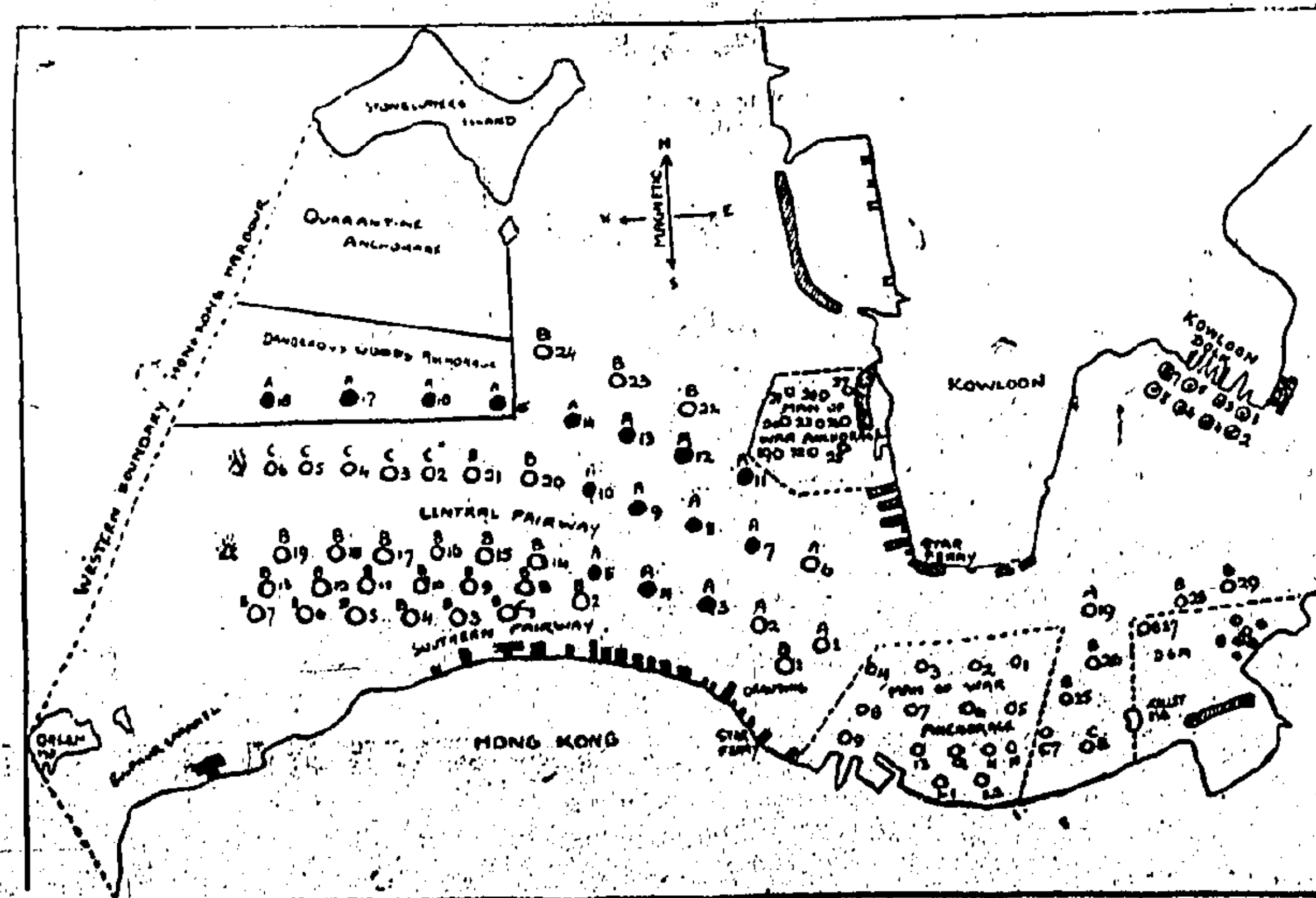
STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlawers from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp London and Straits left Singapore for this port on April 9, and is due to arrive here on April 15.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai on April 11 (Mon.) 4 p.m. leaves Shanghai on April 12 (Tues.), noon and is due at Hong Kong on April 14 (Thurs.) 2 p.m. leaving at midnight the same day for Manila.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Vancouver on April 11 (Mon.) p.m. leaves Vancouver on April 23 (Sat.) p.m. and is due at Hong Kong on May 11 (Wed.) p.m. leaving the same evening for Manila.

BUOY PLAN OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.



COLLIER'S HEADLONG RACE.

Crew Rescued by British Motorship.

New York, March 10.
The British motorship Laganbank has rescued the crew of the H. F. de Bardeleben, thus ending the latter's headlong race through the Atlantic.

A message on the previous day stated: Plunging in the heavy Atlantic seas is a ship that cannot stop, the American collier H. F. de Bardeleben, which for nearly two days has been steaming completely out of control. A rescue vessel is following in order to take off the 34 men on board the collier as soon as the boats can be safely lowered. The H. F. de Bardeleben's rudder has been smashed, but the crew dare not heave to, lest the giant waves sink the ship. The collier therefore continues on her headlong course, which she has pursued since the White Star liner Adriatic first sighted her near Nantucket Shoal, off the Massachusetts coast, yesterday.

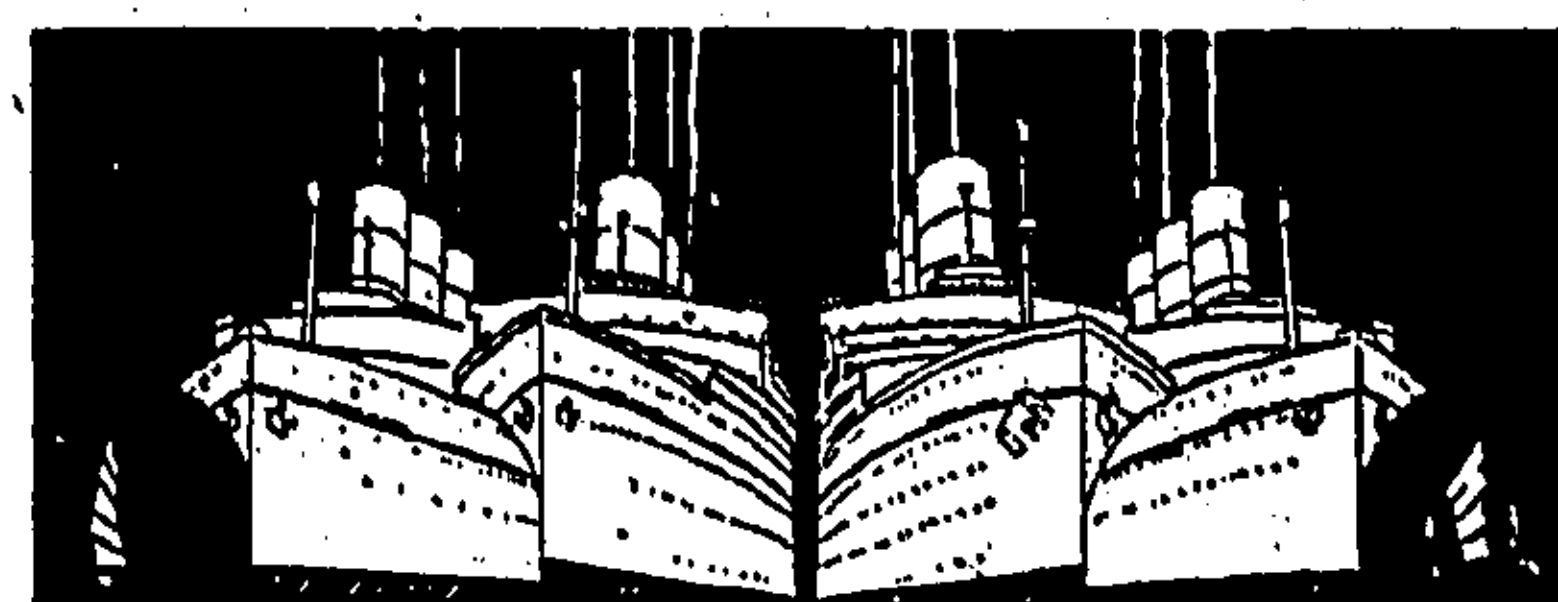
The H. F. de Bardeleben, 5,920 tons, is owned by the Bulk Transportation Corporation, and her port of registry is New Orleans.

She was built in 1918 at Seattle, and was first known as the Bremerton.

PROSPECTS FOR SHIPBUILDING.

It has been stated that, because there are vessels of 3,000,000 tons laid up in this country, the prospects of new contracts are unfavourable. According to The Motor Ship, this point is unduly stressed, for the reason that there are British ships of 3,700,000 tons gross over 20 years old. Even in ordinary times these ships would be obsolescent, but their unsuitability for operation under modern conditions is far greater than in normal periods, owing to the very rapid advance that has been made in the construction of propelling machinery since the vessels were built. A 20-year-old steamer is now, for this reason, as out of date as was a 30-year-old vessel in 1912. Of ships over 20 years old in the world there are 20,000,000 tons gross, and not one could complete on any basis of economy with a modern motor ship. It is believed, therefore, that the slightest turn in the tide would mean that contracts for new cargo tonnage must be placed in considerable numbers. The alternative is to requisition obsolescent ships, and it can be demonstrated that, taking all costs into consideration, these are much less economical to run than new motor vessels.

April 23 (Sat.) p.m. and is due at Hong Kong on May 11 (Wed.) p.m. leaving the same evening for Manila.



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Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9		May 11	May 13	May 19	May 24
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
Emp. of Canada	June 3	June 6		June 8	June 10	June 16	June 21
Emp. of Russia	June 10	June 12	June 21	June 23	June 25		July 1
Emp. of Japan	July 1	July 4		July 6	July 8	July 14	July 19
Emp. of Asia	July 15	July 18	July 19	July 21	July 23		Aug. 1
Emp. of Canada	July 29	Aug. 1		Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 11	Aug. 16
Emp. of Russia	Aug. 12	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 27	Sept. 2
Emp. of Japan	Aug. 26	Aug. 29		Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 8	Sept. 13
Emp. of Asia	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 13	Sept. 15	Sept. 17		Sept. 25
Emp. of Canada	Sept. 23	Sept. 26		Sept. 28	Sept. 30	Oct. 6	Oct. 11
Emp. of Russia	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	Oct. 15		Oct. 20
Emp. of Japan	Oct. 21	Oct. 24		Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 5	Oct. 10
Emp. of Asia	Nov. 4	Nov. 7	Nov. 8	Nov. 10	Nov. 12		Nov. 21
Emp. of Canada	Nov. 18	Nov. 21		Nov. 23	Nov. 25	Dec. 1	Dec. 6

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Retrenchment Commission's
Recommendations

(Continued from Page 7.)

Audit Department.
Numerically not a large department, but an important one, auditing as it does the accounts of all Government departments. It has expanded little during the last twenty years, certainly not in proportion to the increase in the Colony's revenue and expenditure. It would therefore be unwise to try to force any drastic retrenchment on the department. Such a course would only lead to a less careful scrutiny of the Colony's book keeping with the consequent risk of fraud.

2.—There does not appear to be any sufficient reason for the employment of a European lady stenographer, and it is recommended that the post be abolished. The Auditor stated that he would be willing to release three Chinese clerks, provided that he could select the three to go. This is but reasonable, and the Commissioners recommend that it be done.

3.—The Senior Clerk in the department is a member of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff and therefore liable to transfer to another department. The Commissioners are of the opinion that a department in which he has spent many years does not make for efficiency, and that the holder of the post should not be regarded as available for transfer. This applies to all Government departments. As this will deprive him of his opportunity for promotion to one of the higher posts in the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff, it will in time be necessary to raise the post from Class I to a Special Appointment.

The post of Examiner should be retained.

Government's Comment.
The reductions recommended in paragraph 2 have been effected.

Whilst admitting that there are advantages in making every department watertight so far as its senior clerks are concerned, it is considered that the disadvantages outweigh the advantages. It would, for instance, involve practically duplicating senior clerical posts, in order to provide for leave and sickness contingencies. Senior clerks are, so far as is possible, left in the department for the work of which they are most suited, but the needs of the service as a whole must be considered more important than the wishes of individual departments.

Police Department.
The labours of the Commissioners as regards the Police Department were considerably lightened by the helpful attitude of the Inspector General of Police, who came before them with a comprehensive scheme of retrenchment which showed a saving of about two lakhs. It is largely this scheme, with the important addition dealt with in the next paragraph, which the Commissioners recommend.

2.—The approved establishment of posts in the executive branch is ten posts. A reduction of two should be made. The Hong Kong Police Force has proportionately to Asiatics a very large number of Europeans. It does not therefore require the same proportion of European commissioned officers as do other Crown colonies, where the European contingents are comparatively small.

Government's Comment.

Paragraph 2.—Government is not prepared to accept this recommendation at the present time. At most it can undertake to consider the matter further when retirements take place. In view of the present disturbed state of South China and of the activities of communistic agents it would be unwise to effect any reduction in the executive of the Police Force.

Russian Guards.

3.—The main feature of the Inspector General's retrenchment scheme is the replacement of thirty British police by an equal number of Russians. This accounts for a saving of nearly a lakh in personal emoluments, to which must be added a not inconsiderable saving in passages, pensions, etc. The police to be replaced are those performing the duties of section sergeants; the least responsible work of the European contingent, and performed by the most junior officers. To employ on it highly paid Europeans is extravagant, but neither Indians nor Chinese would, according to the Inspector General of Police, be satisfactory. On the other hand, Russians, being domiciled in China, are cheap, and experience with them as anti-piracy guards has shown that they would be eminently suitable. Only men with a knowledge of English would be employed. The higher posts of inspector, sub-inspector, and Crown sergeant in the European contingent would be reserved for British officers. The Russian police would be recruited on a temporary basis. If therefore it were desired at a later date to revert to an all-British European contingent there would be no difficulty in doing so.

4.—The Commissioners, with the exception of the Chairman, advocate the adoption of the proposal set forth in paragraph three above, the Hon. Mr. Paterson desiring to add that he has had experience of Russians in Shanghai and has found them to be most satisfactory.

5.—The Chairman dissents from

the proposal, and in lieu thereof recommends that the reduction of the thirty posts could and should be effected by a re-organisation of the duties of section sergeants who should be mounted on motor cycles, thus enabling each officer to cover a greater number of sections than he can at present when he proceeds on foot.

Government's Comment.

Paragraphs 3-5.—Government prefers the proposition put forward by the Chairman to that of the Unofficial Members. The Inspector General of Police has gone carefully into the question as to how far section sergeants can be replaced, or rather reduced, as a result of the use of motor cycles. He finds that ten only can be so reduced. In the crowded central district of Victoria with its steep, narrow streets it is not possible to use motor cycles, and in the Tsim Sha Tsui district the continuance of foot patrols is considered preferable. It should be noted that in no city in the world have foot patrols been supplanted by motor cycle police. It is solely in the interests of economy that Government is willing to give the scheme a trial.

The remainder of the recommendations of the Retrenchment Commission has been generally adopted.

6.—Further reductions in the European contingent of one Inspector, two Sub-Inspectors, one Sergeant, eight Lance Sergeants and the replacement of one Russian Sergeant (paid at the same rate as a British Sergeant) by a temporary Russian constable, are recommended.

More Hours of Work.

7.—To enable these reductions in the European contingent to be carried out it will be necessary to increase the hours of duty from six to eight per diem, and to lengthen the qualifying period for leave from four to five years. Regarding the former this will principally affect the section sergeants, whom it is proposed by three of the Commissioners should be Russians, as all other ranks already perform in actual practice eight or more hours daily. Regarding the leave question, the agreements of service of European police stipulate for a five years' tour of duty, but it has been the practice in recent years to grant leave after four years. Apart from the extra cost in respect of passages, this entails an increase in the total number of the contingent. On the first two tours five years should be served, thereafter leave could be granted every four years. The Commissioners do not consider that this will involve any hardship. Non-commissioned police officers have the privilege of retiring on pension at the age of forty-five years, ten years before their colleagues in other branches of the Government Service.

8.—The proportion of Europeans to Asiatics in the Hong Kong Police is high. But after going fully into the matter the Commissioners are unable to recommend any alteration in this respect. Owing to the geographical situation of the Colony and a land frontier also easy to cross, the chances of escape for a criminal are very much greater than they are in a city at home or in other colonies. A fairer comparison would be with Shanghai, though the difficulties there are far greater, which has a European contingent double the size of that of Hong Kong.

9.—In the Indian contingent it is recommended that when the present two Assistant Superintendents retire, the two posts should be abolished without any increase being made in the number of in-

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	Mar. 31, 1932.	June, 1932.	June, 1931.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Butcher Meat.			
Beef Sirloin	84	24	12
" Prime Cut	80	24	11
" Corned	40	23	12
" Roast	34	24	22
" Breast	32	20	18
" Soup	28	20	18
" Steak	34	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	46	30	25
" Sausages	36	23	20
Butcher's Brains	17	10	12
" Tongue, fresh	80	50	60
" Tongue, corned	1.00	60	—
" Head	1.60	—	1.20
" Heart	24	13	14
" Hump, Salt	—	20	18
" Feet	12	10	12
" Kidneys	15	10	12
" Tail	27	20	22
" Liver	26	13	14
" Tripe	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	11.50	11.00	11.00
Mutton Chop	69	26	—
" Leg	60	26	—
" Shoulder	60	24	—
" Saddle	60	—	—
" Pig's Chilling	30	27	—
" Brains	15	15	—
" Feet	30	15	18
" Fry	30	20	—
" Head	15	10	10
" Heart	15	10	8
" Kidneys	15	80	24
" Liver	38	25	23
Pork Chop	40	—	—
" Leg	44	60	70
" Loin	25	21	—
" Fat or Lard	90	60	70
Sheep's Head & Feet	12	8	7
" Heart	15	12	10
" Kidneys	48	26	25
" Liver	25	25	22
Sucking Pigs, to order	34	20	13
Suet, Beef	55	23	23
" Mutton	45	20	22
Veal	28	—	—
" Sausages	38	—	—

	Mar. 31, 1932.	June, 1932.	June, 1931.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Fish.			
Barbel	52	16	24
Bream	32	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	32	—	—
" Fish	32	18	16
Carp	32	16	27
Codfish	30	12	9
Crabs	58	16	24
Cuttle Fish	22	23	26
Dab	26	16	27
"	48	23	18
Dace	20	10	—
Dog Fish	68	10	3
Eels, Conger	78	16	—
" Fresh Water	52	10	8
" Yellow	50	28	30
Frogs	90	32	25
Garoupa	22	40	80
Gaulques	26	22	18
Hexrings	36	13	23
Halibut	35	18	15
Labrus	36	22	13
Loach	60	62	24
Lobsters	44	32	21
Mackerel	46	20	20
Monk Fish	36	15	2
Mullet	45	12	2
Oysters	26	14	9
Parrot Fish	26	30	15
Parrish	42	16	9
Pike	50	36	29
Pomfret, White	62	33	30
Pomfret, Black	48	34	45
Pravus	88	10	14
Ray	24	10	14
Rock Fish	26	13	13
Roach	33	22	10
Salmon	64	85	80
Shark	20	8	10
Shate	20	10	10
Shrimps	68	33	30
Skipper	46	38	30
Sole	50	22	28
Sole	42	20	58
Tench	40	12	12
Turbot	155	12	12
Turtle, small fr. water	—	—	—

	Mar. 31, 1932.	June, 1932.	June, 1931.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Poultry.			
Chicken	62	30	31
Capons, Small	62	28	30
Capons, Large	64	28	30
Duck	45	22	21
Doves	—	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	72	35	24
Fowls, Hainan	58	35	24
Geese	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	50	30	—
"	44	29	—
Turkeys, Cook	80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	70	61	45
Snipe	30	—	—
Pheasant	2.50	—	—
Quail	50	—	—
Partridges	1.20	—	—

Fruits.

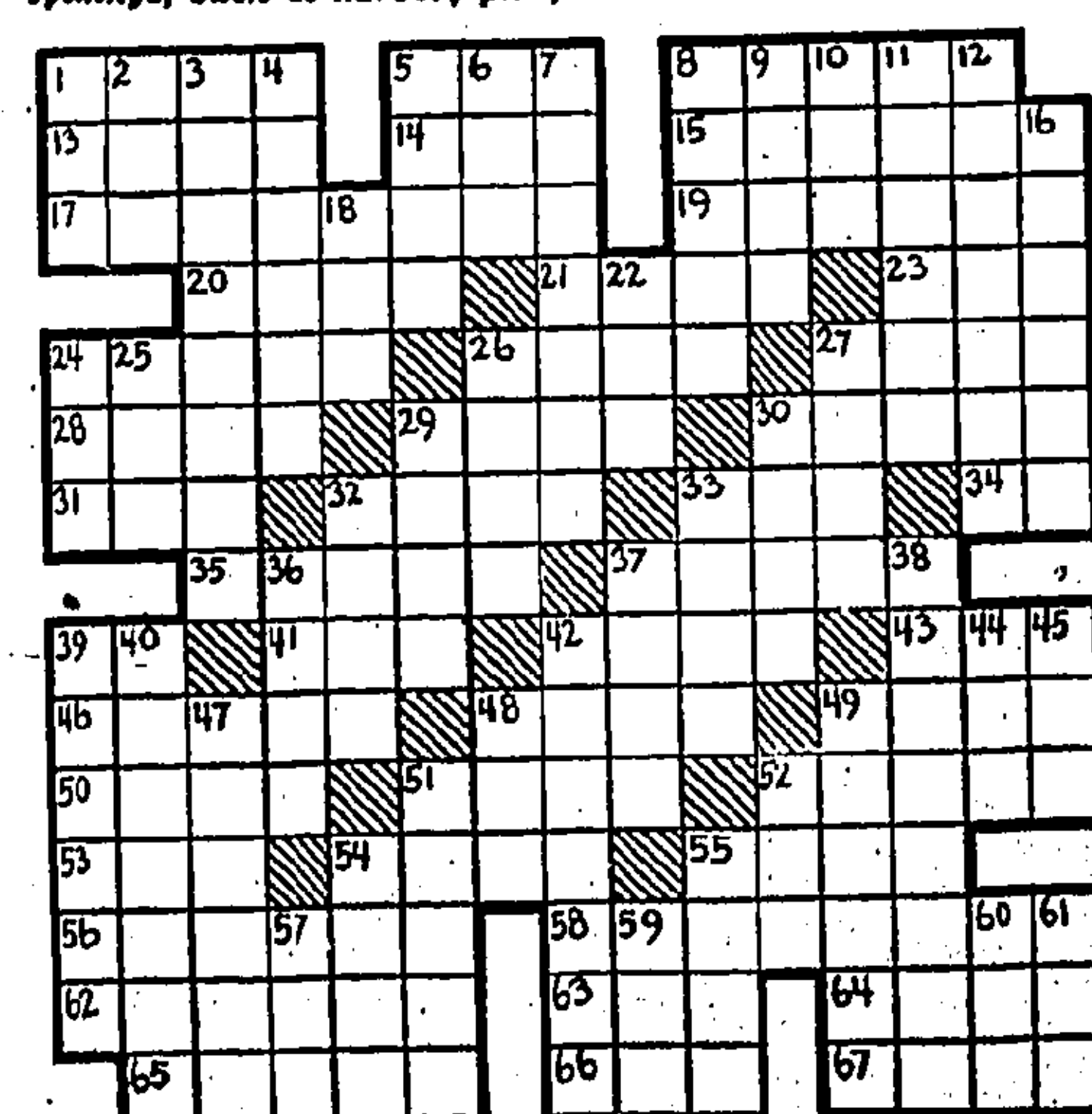
	Mar. 31, 1932.	June, 1932.	June, 1931.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Almonds	1.20	35	—
Apples (California)	24	26	—
Bananas (birds)	6	4	—
Carambola	—	12	—
Coccons	14	10	10
Lemons, China	24	25	30
Lemons (American)	12	8	—
Lichees, Dried	1.00	28	30
Oranges (Canton)	28	—	—
Oranges	22	—	15
Pears (Canton)	30	—	—
Peanuts	14	10	13
Perseimons, Large	—	12	—
Plantain	—	8	—
Pumelo, Siam	15	13	6
Walnuts	30	—	16
Grapes	—	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

	Mar. 31, 1932.	June, 1932.	June, 1931.
	Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Artichokes	each	18	9
Beans, Sprouts	lb.	6	7
" Long	—	—	8
Beet Root	—	12	—
Bitter Squash	—	8	24
Brijale, Green	—	8	5
" Red	—	6	5
Cabbage, Chinese	—	10	—
" (Shanghai)	—	12	12
Cane Shoots, bunch	—	4	—
Caniflower (Large)	each	25	—
" (Medium)	—	20	—
" (Small)	—	16	6
Carrots	lb.	6	5
Celery, Chinese	—	12	10
Chilies, Dried	—	18	25
" Red	—	60	10
" Green	—	30	8
Curry Stuff, English	—	10	8
Cucumbers	—	2	—
Garlic	—	6	6
Ginger, Young	—	10	7
" Old	—	8	20
Korandish, Shanghai	—	60	8
Indian Corn	each	8	45
Lettuce	lb.	6	1
Water Chestnuts	—	12	—
"	—	14	—
Mushrooms, Fresh	—	—	1
Okra	—	10	8
Onions, Bombay	—	5	4
" Green	—	8	6
" Shanghai	—	8	6
Parley	—	85	60
Potato, Sweet	—	5	8
" Japanese	—	3	—
" American	—	8	3
Pumpkin	—	5	4
Radish	—	30	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	—	8	—
Shallots	—	8	8
Spinach	—	12	4
Tomatoes	—	6	7
Taro	—	6	6
Turnips, Punt (Long)	—	—	4
Vegetable Marrow	—	15	15
Water Lily Root	—	6	15

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, glow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL.

- 1—Prejudice
- 2—Cushion
- 3—Place
- 4—Measure of area
- 5—Exist
- 6—Angle
- 7—Deserted wreck
- 8—External remedy for bruises
- 9—A gem
- 10—Pointed tool (pl.)
- 11—To cut down, as hay
- 12—Carried on
- 13—Feathered creature
- 14—To weary
- 15—Interjection
- 16—Numerous
- 17—Subdivision of British Isles
- 18—Secluded room
- 19—Hinders
- 20—Hinders
- 21—City, thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 22—City, thoroughfare (abbr.)
- 23—Show confidence
- 24—Banquet
- 25—Christian Science (abbr.)
- 26—Answer (abbr.)
- 27—College court
- 28—Tea
- 29—Mistake on parade

HORIZONTAL (Cont.).

- 30—Sport
- 31—Temporary dwelling
- 32—Platform
- 33—Live outdoors
- 34—Make lace
- 35—Quail
- 36—Slipshod corridor
- 37—Acquainted
- 38—Quaked
- 39—Move back
- 40—Hole in needle
- 41—Girl's name
- 42—Hinder
- 43—Middle Atlantic State (abbr.)
- 44—Whirlpool

VERTICAL.

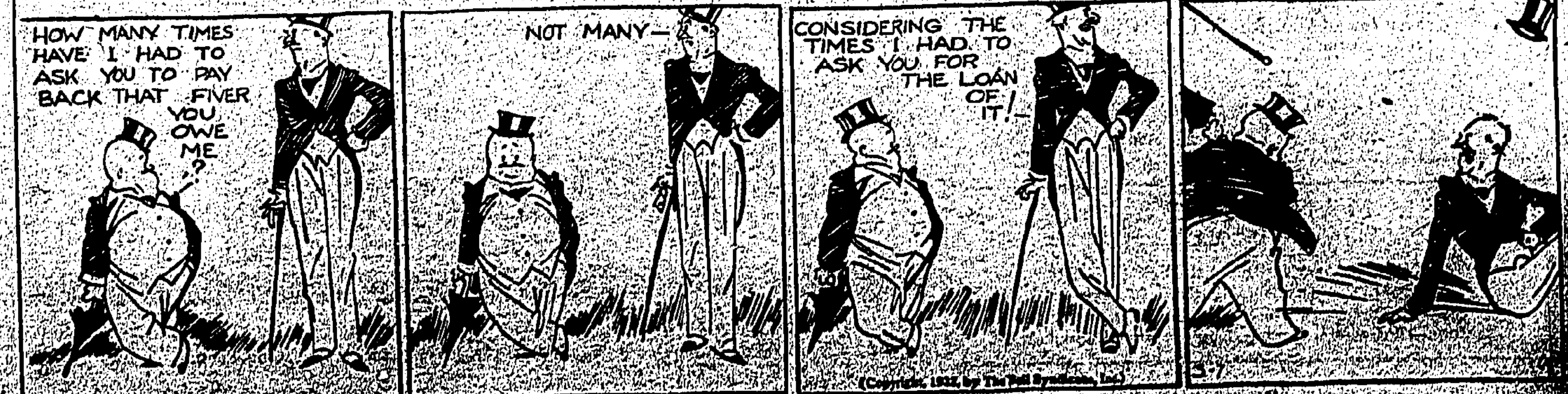
- 1—Incorrigible
- 2—Refirgarate
- 3—Laughly
- 4—Percolated
- 5—Bucket
- 6—Part of a circle
- 7—Holds back
- 8—Burn with liquid
- 9—Rocky peaks (Eng.)
- 10—Faint
- 11—Living creature
- 12—Translates alphabet
- 13—Mistake on parade

VERTICAL (Cont.).

- 14—Crudest
- 15—Boy
- 16—Twisted
- 17—Married
- 18—Period of time
- 19—Baronet (abbr.)
- 20—Bones of the mouth
- 21—Bulk
- 22—Plant yielding blue dye
- 23—Sweet roll
- 24—Thrash
- 25—Rave
- 26—Confusion
- 27—Frod upon
- 28—Cottager
- 29—Pierced
- 30—Little devil
- 31—Foot-like organ
- 32—Lure
- 33—A rodent
- 34—Practice gaming
- 35—Popular name for restaurant car
- 36—Eclectic religious place
- 37—Barometer
- 38—Adapted
- 39—Complete collection
- 40—A cereal
- 41—Tartan
- 42—Light of time

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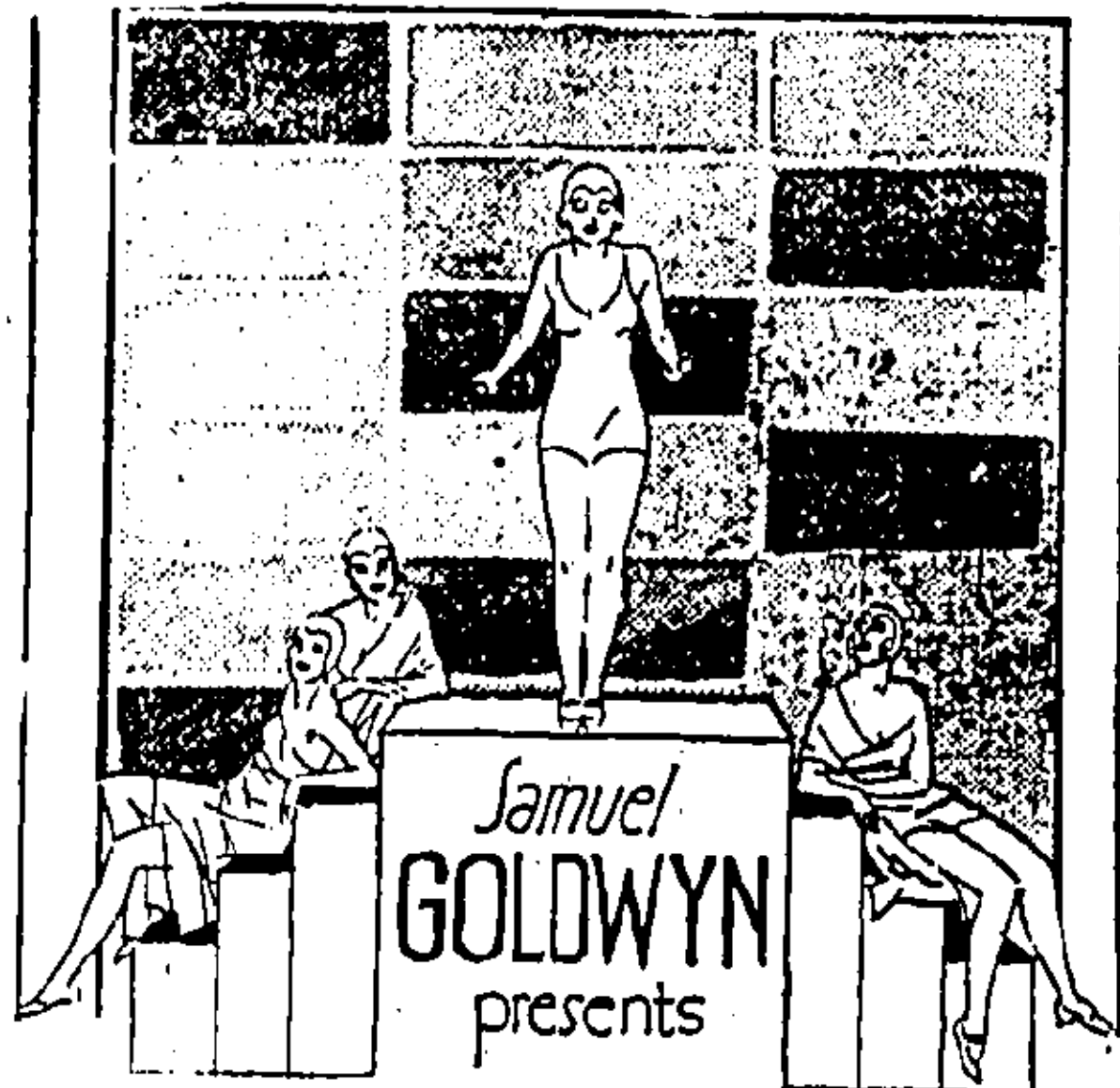
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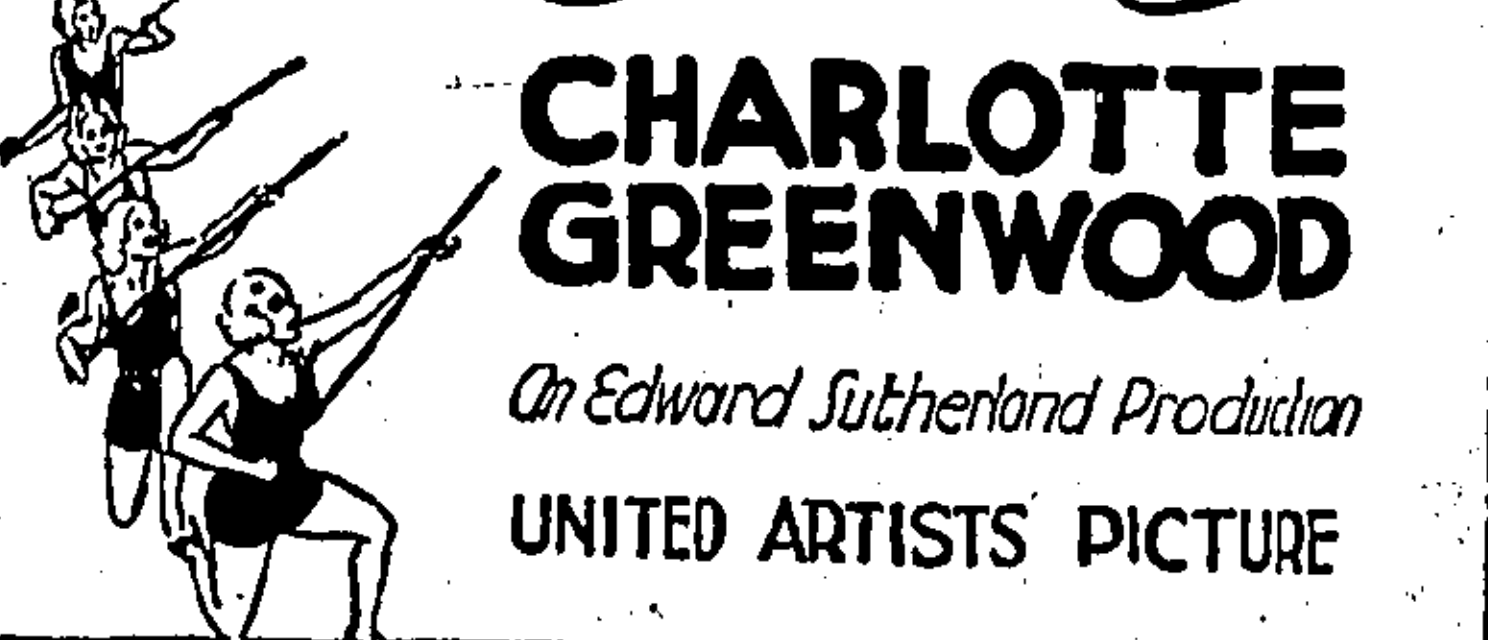
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SLUMP IN U.S. SECURITIES.

President Hoover Perturbed.

SUMMONING A CONFERENCE.

New York, To-day. In view of the concern with which the Administration regards the persistent fall in the prices of securities, President Hoover has undertaken to arrange a conference of Congressional and business leaders to devise a means of improving economic conditions in the United States.

Cold Water.

Mr. Whitney, the President of the New York Stock Exchange, has thrown cold water on the reports of a bear raid on April 11. He told a Committee of Enquiry that bear raiding did not influence the market and declared that the recent fall was due to bona fide liquidation.—Reuter's American Service.

LIFE SENTENCE PRISONER'S DEATH.

In Victoria Jail.

"NATURAL CAUSES."

Wong Sou-tang, who was sentenced at Wei-hai-wei, on February 12, 1929, to penal servitude for life, for robbery with aggravation, died in Victoria Jail hospital last night.

In the Central Police Court this morning, Mr. W. Schofield (as Coroner) conducted an enquiry, being assisted by a jury composed of Messrs. J. R. Way (foreman), H. Davenport Browne and J. A. de C. Vieira Ribeiro.

Dr. J. V. A. Griffiths said that the prisoner died from acute pulmonary tuberculosis. He was admitted to hospital on February 16 of this year, and was treated but absolutely failed to respond.

Chief Warder G. Buchanan said that the prisoner was admitted to Victoria Jail from Wei-hai-wei on March 19, 1929.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that during his incarceration here, prisoner never complained about his diet or treatment. Whilst in hospital, prisoner was given regulation diet.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of "Death from natural causes."

CHILD'S ORDEAL.

Sydney.

The two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Johnson, who was spending her holidays at Rowenfels, experienced a painful ordeal when her elder brother pushed a tin pot over her head. The girl screamed. Her mother and others were unable to remove the pot by pulling it off. Finally it was cut away with a pair of garden secateurs. The child showed great fortitude, although she was finding it difficult to breathe. In the end she was almost black in the face.

"KRASSIN" IN ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Professor Samoilivitch in New Enterprise.

AEROPLANES TO BE USED.

London, Yesterday. An Arctic expedition, with the object of discovering the shortest air-route from Europe to America via Franz Josef Land and the North Pole, is to be undertaken by Professor Samoilivitch, the famous explorer who rescued Nobile's airship and crew with the Soviet icebreaker "Krassin," which he intends to use in the new expedition. He also will take aeroplanes along with the expedition.

Professor Samoilivitch hopes in 1933, to see the arrival in Alaska of the first Russian airship built on Nobile's system.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Harbin, To-day.

The Old Kirin Army, which recently occupied Heng Tao-hotze, where one of their leaders, General Li Du, is expected to arrive to-day, are searching all passengers arriving by train upon their arrival.

It is expected that a body of 300 Chinese and Korean Communists, well-armed and speaking Russian fluently, were transported, free of charge, from Hailin to Li Bao-hotze on April 9.

A Russian fireman and three Chinese railway workers have been taken prisoners by mounted bandits at Sandavoda, near Heng Tao-hotze.—Reuter.

RETRENCHMENT COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

(Continued from Page 11.)

substitution of one sergeant for one sergeant major in the Police Training School in the Cantonese contingent are recommended.

11.—The Northern Chinese contingent should be reduced by eighteen constables.

12.—In the clerical and interpreter staff there is little that can be done. One post of interpreter (Class IV) and one of telephone clerk (Class IV) should be abolished, as should also the two posts of Indian teacher and Chinese teacher at the Police Training School. The Commissioners are satisfied that there would be greater efficiency, in addition to economy, if the services of the European Assistant Storekeeper were dispensed with; the post being filled by a locally recruited Portuguese.

13.—Miscellaneous reductions recommended are the abolition of one post of Chinese motor mechanic, two boatmen and thirteen coolies.

14.—The Commissioners considered the question of handing over to the military certain of the frontier stations. They are of the opinion that it would not be practicable to do so.

LAND QUESTIONS IN KENYA.

Commission of Inquiry Appointed.

NATIVE POPULATION NEEDS.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Secretary for the Colonies has appointed Sir William Carter, late Chief Justice in Tanganyika, to be Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry into Land Questions in Kenya.

Other members are:—Captain Frank Wilson of Kenya, and Mr. Rupert Hemsted, late Senior Commissioner in the Kenya Government Service, with Mr. S. H. Fazan of the Kenya Administrative Service as Secretary.

The Commission is asked to consider *inter alia* the needs of the native population, present and prospective, with respect to land, and the desirability and practicability of setting aside further areas for the present or future occupancy of communities or individuals of recognised tribes and of detribalised natives.

Among other duties is that of defining the area known as "highlands" within which persons of European descent are to have the privilege of position.—British Wireless Service.

BOMBING PLANES AND AMERICA.

Prepared to Advocate Abolition.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Mr. Gibson has intimated that he is prepared, later, to advocate the abolition of bombing planes.

Sir John Simon warmly supported the American proposals. Herr Nadolny (Germany) urged the reduction of armaments to the lowest limit compatible with national security.

M. Tardieu sympathised with Mr. Gibson's idea, but considered that the French proposals went further than Mr. Gibson's, which were applied solely to land weapons and were, therefore, contrary to the French argument of the interdependence of armaments.—Reuter.

MRS. LINDBERGH COLLAPSES.

Cruel Disappointment.

New York, Yesterday. It is reported that Mrs. Lindbergh has collapsed under the cruel disappointment of yesterday's double-crossing.—Reuter's American Service.

Greenwich, Connecticut, To-day.

A twenty-dollar note, bearing the serial number of one of the notes paid by Colonel Lindbergh to the kidnappers, was presented at a local bakery by a woman who, however, when she discovered that the number of the bill had been identified, grabbed the note and fled.—Reuter's American Service.

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